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Resolution 9 (SY21-22)

Resolution on School Governance - District Leadership Team Membership

Resolution approved 2/9/22 with 9 Yes; and 2 Excused

1. Steve Stowe- Yes
2. Jennifer Hu- Yes
3. Elizabeth Chan- Excused
4. Vito LaBella- Yes
5. Marie Brugueras- Yes
6. Ghada Amin- Yes
7. Jona Isufi- Yes
8. Li Ping Jiang- Yes
9. Maya Rozenblat- Excused
10. Joyce Xie- Yes
11. Kevin Zhao- Yes

Sponsors: Stephen Stowe, Vito LaBella, Jennifer Hu

WHEREAS, Governor Kathy Hochul recently proposed extending Mayoral Control of the New York City public school system for 4 years. The State Legislature is now required to approve this proposal prior to expiration in June 2022. At this stage in the process it is highly unlikely that there will be material changes to the framework of Mayoral Control. Nonetheless, reports have indicated that the State Legislature is open to making some minor modifications¹.

WHEREAS, Mayoral Control of the New York City school system has largely removed legal power from the Community Education Councils (CEC's) and by extension, the public school parents, and the school communities that are served by the Department of Education (DOE). As stated in Section 2590-E of the Education Law of the State of New York "*The community councils shall have no executive or administrative powers or functions*"².

WHEREAS, the natural result of the Mayoral Control governance structure is one in which incentives to incorporate parent input are low and largely at the discretion of the DOE. This often results in a low-quality DOE-parent collaboration process, reducing trust between parents and the DOE.

WHEREAS, New York State law requires the establishment of a "district plan for the participation by teachers and parents with administrators and school board members in school-based planning and shared decision making"³. In New York City, this mandate is fulfilled through the District Leadership Team (DLT) pursuant to Chancellor's Regulation A-655⁴. The mandatory members of the DLT include the Community Superintendent, High School Superintendent, representatives of organized labor, President of the President's Council and Chairperson of the Title 1 District Parent Advisory Council. CEC's do not have mandatory membership on DLT's with the regulation only stating that "Community based organizations (CBOs), the president of the

¹ "Hochul proposes \$2.1 billion increase for NY schools, extension of NYC mayoral control", Chalkbeat, January 18, 2022

² Education Law, CHAPTER 16, TITLE 2, ARTICLE 52-A, SECTION 2590-E, "Powers and duties of community district education council"

³ N.Y. Comp. Codes R. & Regs. tit. 8 § 100.11.

⁴ Regulation of the Chancellor, A-655, "School and District Leadership Teams", Issued March 25, 2010

District CEC (or designee), and a member of the Citywide Council on High Schools whose child attends a high school geographically located within the district also may be included on the DLT.

WHEREAS, 9 out of 11 CEC members are elected pursuant to District-wide public elections. As such, CEC's represent the democratically elected voice of parents in their respective Districts.

WHEREAS, the DLT must include publicly elected parent representation.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Community Education Council of District 20 calls upon the Panel for Educational Policy (PEP) to amend Chancellor's Regulation A-655 to include CEC Presidents, or their representative, as mandatory members of the DLT.