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### **Resolution 11 in Support of Retaining Gifted and Talented Programs in District 20.**

**Sponsor: Yi Fang Chen, Inga Smolyar, Mauricia Cadillo, Vito LaBella, Adele Doyle**

**WHEREAS** on January 13, 2021 the Department of Education of the City of New York announced that they will end all existing Gifted and Talented programs after this year.

**WHEREAS** there has been no information provided as to how these programs will be re-imagined so as to serve the needs of the students currently in these programs or of future students in District 20.

**WHEREAS** there are currently 8 schools with G&T programs in District 20, more than any other district in the city (per 2020 NYC DOE G&T Admissions Guide).

**WHEREAS** the lack of transparency in this decision during a pandemic is irresponsible, and does not take into account the needs of all students in District 20.

**IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED AND DECREED** that the District 20 Community Education Council calls upon the Chancellor and Mayor, as well as local officials and community leaders, to:

1. Rescind this decision to cancel the G&T program after this year.
2. To retain the current G&T program until a well-defined and well disseminated replacement is presented to parents across the city and successfully implemented by the incoming Mayor and Chancellor.