COMMUNITY EDUCATION DISTRICT COUNCIL 30

28-11 Queens Plaza North, Room 512
Long Island City, NY 11101
Tel: 718-391-8380
Fax: 718-391-8500
CEC30.org
Email: CEC30@schools.nyc.gov

Resolution 213

Resolution Supporting Eligibility of Parents of District 3-K and Pre-K Students to Serve on Community Education Councils

Author: Kayla Spence

Co-Sponsors: **Xochitl Cohen-Garcia and Danielle Lopresti Lee and Marlene Rossi**

WHEREAS, New York City has made significant investments in expanding access to free, high-quality 3-K and Pre-K programs, recognizing that early childhood education is a critical component of the public education system; and

WHEREAS, parents of children enrolled in New York City Public Schools district-operated 3-K and Pre-K programs are active members of their school communities and have a direct interest in district policies, school planning, enrollment, facilities, and educational quality; and

WHEREAS, Community Education Councils make recommendations and advise on matters that affect families long before kindergarten, including school capacity, rezoning, new school openings, and early childhood transitions; and

WHEREAS, excluding parents whose oldest child is enrolled in a district 3-K or Pre-K program unnecessarily limits opportunities for meaningful family representation and civic participation; and

WHEREAS, allowing these parents to serve would strengthen Community Education Councils by bringing the perspectives of families at the earliest stages of their children's public education experience; and

WHEREAS, CEC30 was given guidance by FACE that eligibility to serve on local Community Education Councils is based on the completion of a Community Education Plan (CEP), which district-operated 3-K and Pre-K programs do not complete;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Community Education Council for District 30 calls upon the New York State (NYS) Senate and NYS Assembly to advocate for the inclusion of district 3-K or Pre-K parents on Community Education Councils as Section 2590-c (1)(a)(2) of NYS Education Law states that “For councils whose terms begin in two thousand twenty-one and thereafter, nine voting members shall be parents whose children are attending a school or a pre-kindergarten program offered by a school under the jurisdiction of the community district, or

COMMUNITY EDUCATION DISTRICT COUNCIL 30

28-11 Queens Plaza North, Room 512
Long Island City, NY 11101
Tel: 718-391-8380
Fax: 718-391-8500
CEC30.org
Email: CEC30@schools.nyc.gov

have attended a school under the jurisdiction of the community district within the preceding two years, and shall be elected by parents of children attending such schools and pre-kindergarten programs in accordance with a process developed by the chancellor pursuant to subdivision eight of this section. Provided, however, that a parent of a pre-kindergarten pupil shall vacate his or her membership on such community district education council when the parent no longer has a child that attends a school or pre-kindergarten program offered by a school under the jurisdiction of the community district." which should be interpreted to include parents or guardians of children enrolled in district-operated 3-K and Pre-K programs, including free-standing District-operated 3-K and Pre-K centers to be eligible to run for and serve on Community Education Councils under the same terms as parents of K–8 students; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Community Education Council for District 30 (CEC30) calls upon the Chancellor of New York City Public Schools and the New York State Education Department, to amend Chancellor Regulation D-140 regarding Community Education Council eligibility so that parents or legal guardians of children enrolled in district-operated 3-K and Pre-K programs, including free standing District operated 3k and pre-K centers, are eligible to run for and serve on Community Education Councils under the same terms as parents of K–8 students; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that CEC30 requests a revision to the current position of eligibility for parents of district-operated 3-K and Pre-K students to participate in Community Education Councils as their inclusion should not be dependent upon completion of a Community Education Plan (CEP), as district -operated 3-K and Pre-K programs remain under the jurisdiction of the DCEP and are served by the same Community Superintendent as the district's K-8 schools; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the NYS State Assembly Standing Committee on Education, NYS Senate Committee on Education, NYS Senate Standing Committee on New York City Education, Chancellor Kamar H. Samuels, the New York City Panel for Educational Policy, the New York City Council Education Committee and the New York City Council Early Childhood Education Sub-Committee.

Adopted this 19th day of October 29, 2026, by the CEC 30.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION DISTRICT COUNCIL 30

28-11 Queens Plaza North, Room 512
Long Island City, NY 11101
Tel: 718-391-8380
Fax: 718-391-8500
CEC30.org
Email: CEC30@schools.nyc.gov

Rollcall:
Linda Chung-Leung: IN FAVOR
Xochitl Cohen-Garcia: IN FAVOR
Alexis Kaloyanides: IN FAVOR
Danielle Lopresti-Lee: IN FAVOR
Victoria Medelius: IN FAVOR
Estela Nguema: IN FAVOR
Marlene Rossi: ABSENT
Nadeea Saeed: IN FAVOR
Laura Simpson: IN FAVOR
Kayla Spence: IN FAVOR
Whitney Toussaint: IN FAVOR