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RESOLUTION TO EXPAND ELIGIBILITY FOR STUDENT MEMBERS ON COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCILS

CEC21 Resolution:

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Presented to CEC 8 by: Crystal Rodriguez (President)

Modified from original CEC21 resolution with CEC8 member input

WHEREAS, Community Education Council District 8, hereinafter referred to as 'CEC8', recognizes that student perspective is essential to the effective governance of New York City Public Schools (NYCPS); and

WHEREAS, current Chancellor's Regulation D-140 restricts the eligibility for the two student member seats on Community Education Councils to high school seniors only; and

WHEREAS, because students do not officially reach "senior" status until they have 30 high school credits – most often following their junior year, and subsequently applying when school returns in September or later – the application, Superintendent/CEC review, and appointment process often prevents student seats from being filled until late autumn at the earliest; and

WHEREAS, these systemic barriers frequently result in seats being filled for only a few months or remaining entirely vacant, as the limited tenure offers diminished value for many seniors compared to the time-intensive nature of the role; and

WHEREAS, a review of all members of the 32 Community Education Councils as of April 9, 2026 reveals a systemic failure in

student recruitment under the current regulations, including:

- only 9 of 64 (14%) total student seats across the city are currently filled
- 26 of 32 (81%) of CECs have neither student seat filled
- 0 of 24 (0%) student seats are currently filled in the borough of Brooklyn
- Staten Island, with only one CEC, is one (1) of only three (3) CECs with both seats currently filled
- the Bronx (8%) and Queens (14%) face severe vacancy rates; and

WHEREAS, during a Chancellor’s visit to I.S. 96 Seth Low on March 30, 2026, following a student presentation, CEC21 President Jay Brown proposed expanding eligibility to high school juniors; and

WHEREAS, the Chancellor expressed explicit support for exploring this reform, noting that serving as a junior would allow students to utilize this leadership experience on college applications while providing the Councils with greater continuity;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that CEC 8 formally requests that the Chancellor of NYC Public Schools propose an Amendment to Chancellor’s Regulation D-140 to the Panel for Educational Policy (PEP) to expand student member eligibility to students who not only live in the district but attend the District they’re applying to and include Students starting in 8th grade; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that CEC 8 urges the Panel for Educational Policy to prioritize the review and ratification of such an amendment to ensure reform is in place for the 2026-2027 recruitment cycle; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to Chancellor Kamar Sammuels of New York City Public Schools, the Panel for Educational Policy, Community Education Councils, District Leadership Teams, and relevant city and state education stakeholders.

Motioned: BPA Jibodh

Second: CM Balines

Resolution Passes: Yes

Yes: 9

No:0

Abstain:0

Absent: 3

Adopted on 10th of June 2026, by the Community Education Council of District 8