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CCD75 Safety Resolution

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WHEREAS

WHEREAS, the safety, physical well-being, emotional health, and dignity of all students and school staff are fundamental responsibilities of the New York City public school system; and

WHEREAS, school safety meetings with principals and relevant stakeholders are essential forums for reviewing emergency preparedness, crisis response protocols, supervision plans, building conditions, school climate, and student safety concerns; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to New York State Education Law §2590-e, Citywide Councils and Community Education Councils (CECs) are duly elected parent-led advisory bodies established to represent families, advise the Chancellor, and promote transparency and accountability within the New York City Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, Citywide Councils—including the Citywide Council for District 75 (CCD75), Citywide Council on Special Education (CCSE), and Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS)—provide systemwide expertise related to students with disabilities, accessibility, inclusion, transition-age youth, and high school communities; and

WHEREAS, Community Education Councils (CECs) serve as district-level parent leadership bodies that engage with families, schools, superintendents, and the Department of Education on matters impacting school communities; and

WHEREAS, Chancellor’s Regulation A-414 (School Safety Plans) and related Department of Education guidance require ongoing coordination, communication, and review of school safety practices, including considerations for students with disabilities, medically fragile students, and students requiring accommodations pursuant to their Individualized Education Programs (IEPs); and

WHEREAS, District 75 programs and other specialized programs are frequently co-located within shared school buildings, creating complex safety conditions that require coordinated planning across multiple schools, principals, and student populations; and

WHEREAS, the Objective Reporting and Case System (ORCS) is the Department of Education’s official system for documenting and tracking school safety incidents, and regular review of ORCS data is essential to identifying trends, addressing systemic concerns, and improving safety outcomes; and

WHEREAS, meaningful safety planning requires regularly scheduled meetings, timely communication of meeting dates and times, and opportunities for broader community engagement through school safety town halls; and

WHEREAS, families and elected parent leaders have raised ongoing concerns regarding limited transparency, inconsistent communication, exclusion of councils from safety discussions, and the absence of consistent, data-driven review of safety incidents; and

WHEREAS, excluding Citywide Council and CEC members from school safety meetings and failing to review aggregate ORCS data undermines meaningful parent engagement and limits councils’ ability to fulfill their statutory advisory responsibilities;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Citywide Council members, including representatives from CCD75, CCSE, and CCHS, and Community Education Council (CEC) members shall be permitted and encouraged to participate in school safety meetings with principals and other relevant stakeholders within their respective districts and school communities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such participation shall be in an advisory, collaborative, and non-disciplinary capacity, focused on systems-level safety planning,

policy implementation, and community feedback, and shall not include discussion of individual student records or personnel matters; and

Meeting Frequency, Notice, and Transparency

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that school safety meetings shall be held no less than once per month during the school year and shall include principals and relevant stakeholders, with participation by designated Citywide Council and CEC members; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that schools shall share the scheduled dates and times of monthly school safety meetings with Citywide Councils and Community Education Councils in advance, with reasonable notice, and shall promptly communicate any changes to meeting schedules; and

ORCS Data Review Requirement

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that school safety meetings shall include a review of Objective Reporting and Case System (ORCS) data, presented in aggregate and de-identified form, including at minimum:

- The total number of ORCS incidents reported for the current month, and
- The total number of ORCS incidents reported year-to-date; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ORCS data review shall focus on patterns, trends, and building-wide safety concerns, including impacts on co-located schools, District 75 programs, shared spaces, supervision, and student supports, and shall not include individual student or personnel information; and

School Safety Town Halls

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that each school or shared school building shall host at least one

(1) school safety town hall per school year, and additional town halls as needed following significant safety incidents or concerning trends identified through ORCS data; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that school safety town halls shall be publicly communicated to families, Parent Associations, School Leadership Teams, Citywide Councils, and Community

Education Councils, and shall address building-wide safety practices, emergency preparedness, aggregate ORCS trends, mental health supports, and accessibility considerations; and Enforcement and Implementation

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that failure to comply with this Resolution—including failure to hold required monthly safety meetings, failure to share meeting dates and times, failure to

review required ORCS data, or failure to conduct required school safety town halls—may be escalated for review and corrective action to the District Superintendent, the Office of School Safety, or the Chancellor or designee; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the School-Level Implementation Protocol for Citywide Council

and Community Education Council Participation in School Safety Meetings shall be attached to and incorporated by reference into this Resolution, and compliance with the Protocol shall constitute compliance with this Resolution.

ADOPTED

Yes:10

No:0

Abstain:0

Adopted on [February 11, 2026]

by the Community Education Council for
District [8], in collaboration with the Citywide
Councils

Signed:

[Crystal Rodriguez], President

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