



COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL DISTRICT 15

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Resolution to Support the Creation of a Task Force to Develop the Class Size Reduction Plan

The Community and Citywide Education Councils (CCECs) are composed of parents who have been elected or appointed to serve as stakeholders of NYC School Community Districts, and specific cohorts of students, representing NYC public school students and their families.

Approved on October 25, 2022, the following resolution offers CEC 15's position to support the creation of a task force to develop the class size reduction plan:

WHEREAS, in June 2022, the Legislature overwhelmingly passed S9460/ A10498 by a vote of 59-4 in the Senate and 147-2 in the Assembly, requiring that NYC implement a five-year class size reduction plan beginning in the fall of 2022.

WHEREAS, on Sept. 8, 2022, Gov. Kathy Hochul signed the bill into law, based upon a statement that the bill will be amended to begin the five-year phase-in period on Sept. 2023;

WHEREAS, the law calls for class size caps to be achieved over this period of no more than 20 students per class in grades K-3, no more than 23 students per class in grades 4th-8th, and no more than 25 students per class in high school, with physical education and performing art classes capped at forty students per class;

WHEREAS, each year starting in September 2023, 20 percent of all classes must achieve these caps, with an additional 20 percent of classes added each year, until all schools comply with these caps by the end of the 2027-2028 school year, with the documented attainment of these caps due Sept. 2028.

WHEREAS, the city's plan is supposed to prioritize schools with high levels of poverty to reduce class size first.

WHEREAS, the law says the plan shall be a product of negotiation between the Department of Education, the United Federation of Teachers and the Council of School Administrators;

WHEREAS, parents, advocates, students, community members and elected officials must be included to help develop this plan in the most transparent and accountable manner and to guarantee that there will be sufficient space, funding, and staffing to achieve the goals within the timeframe specified by the law;

WHEREAS, the planning process needs to start now, especially to ensure that the capital plan includes sufficient new space in our most overcrowded communities;

WHEREAS, reducing class size is a critical need to ensure equity for all NYC school students and there is no time to waste;

BE IT RESOLVED, that CEC15 calls on the Chancellor, the UFT and the CSA to establish a Task Force by April 15, 2023 that includes parents, advocates, students, community members and elected officials to work with them in the most transparent and accountable manner to develop an effective, equitable, and achievable class size reduction plan.

This Resolution was approved at a CEC15 Calendar Meeting held on October 25, 2022 by a vote of members present including: Camille Casaretti, Nancy Randall, Vanessa Ueoka Gonzalez, Joe Alexander, Nana-Poku Agyekum, Alfred DeIngeniis, Tia Schellstede, Vincent Lu and Ivan Banda

The Resolution was voted YES by 9 members.

