



Community Education Council District 21

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Resolution in Favor of Creating 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.

The following resolution offers CEC21's position in favor of a Task Force be created to develop the class size reduction plan.

WHEREAS, in June 2022, the Legislature overwhelmingly passed bill [S9460/ A10498](#) by a vote of 59-4 in the Senate and 147-2 in the Assembly, requiring that New York City implement a five-year class size reduction plan beginning in the fall of 2022;

WHEREAS, on September 8, 2022, Governor 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 September 2023;

WHEREAS, the law calls for class size caps to be achieved over this period of no more than 20 (twenty) students per class in grades K-3, no more than 23 (twenty-three) students per class in grades 4-8, and no more than 25 (twenty-five) students per class in high school, with physical education and performing art classes capped at 40 (forty) students per class;

WHEREAS, each year starting in September 2023, 20 (twenty) percent of all classes must achieve these caps, with an additional 20 (twenty) 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 September 2028;

WHEREAS, the New York City's plan is supposed to prioritize schools with high levels of poverty to reduce class size first;

WHEREAS, the law states that the plan shall be a product of negotiation between the Department of Education, the United Federation of Teachers (UFT) and the Council of School Administrators (CSA);

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 New York City school students and there is no time to waste;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, CEC 21 strongly encourages the Chancellor, UFT and CSA to establish a Task Force 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 CEC21 Calendar Meeting held on October 19, 2022 by a vote of members present including: Anna Lembersky, Randi Garay, Jay Brown, Ekaterina Mironenko, Lakeisha Bowers, Helena Bergenfeld, Jennifer Goddard, Priscilla Santos, Maxim Torbin and Mei Ping Tran

Of the 10 members present, 10 voted YES, 0 voted no