



Community Education Council for District 4
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Resolution Opposing Mayoral Control of New York City Public Schools and Supporting Community Control of Schools

Whereas, New York City public schools serve one million students, representing diverse racial, cultural, linguistic, abilities and socioeconomic communities, and these students and families deserve an education system that is responsive to their unique needs and voices;

Whereas, Mayoral control of New York City public schools centralizes decision-making power in the office of the Mayor, limiting the influence of educators, parents, students, and community stakeholders in shaping school policies that directly affect them;

Whereas, Since the implementation of mayoral control in 2002, concerns have been raised about the lack of transparency, accountability, and community participation in key educational decisions, including the appointment of the Chancellor, school closures, curriculum development, and budget allocations;

Whereas, Community control of schools empowers local communities, parents, teachers, and students to have a meaningful role in shaping the education system, ensuring that decisions are grounded in the specific needs and priorities of the communities being served;

Whereas, Research has demonstrated that community engagement in school governance leads to better outcomes for students, improved school climate, and increased trust between families and schools, fostering a more equitable and inclusive education system;

Whereas, Mayoral control has perpetuated inequities in resource distribution, often leading to disinvestment in schools serving Black, Brown, and low-income students, while benefiting wealthier districts and communities with greater political influence;

Whereas, The New York City Council, Borough Presidents, Community Education Councils (CECs), and local communities are capable and well-positioned to collaborate in creating more democratic and accountable school governance structures that prioritize the needs of all students;

Whereas, on Sept 4th, 2024, Chancellor Banks' home was raided as part of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigations and part of a series of raids, investigations and/or indictments that Mayor Adams and the Adams administration seem to be a part of;



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Whereas, the corruption of the Adams' administration has led to the inappropriately of the money meant for NYCCPS students and of the appointment of Adams' affiliates that have resulted in millions of dollars that could have been used to support our newcomers, students with disabilities and students living in poverty;

Therefore, be it resolved, that we oppose the continued mayoral control of New York City public schools and advocate for the transition to a system of community control that promotes greater transparency, accountability, and participatory decision-making in education.

Be it further resolved, that we support the empowerment of Community Education Councils (CECs), Parent Teacher Associations (PTAs), student organizations, educators, and other local stakeholders in a collaborative governance structure that respects the autonomy of communities to shape the educational experiences of their children.

Be it further resolved, that we call all Mayoral Appointees on the Panel for Educational Policy resign from their positions as they have rubber stamped many of the policies that have harmed NYCPS students and allowed the Mayor to steal millions of dollars from the children of NYC.

Be it further resolved, that we call for policies that prioritize equity in school funding, resource allocation, and educational opportunities for all students, especially those from historically marginalized and underserved communities.

Be it further resolved, that we urge New York State legislators, the Governor, and the New York City Council to take immediate action to end mayoral control and work with communities to create a more democratic and just governance system for New York City public schools. A Commission to finally end Mayoral control.

This Resolution was approved at D4 CEC Calendar Meeting held on November 13th, 2024, by 09 votes.

Council members as follows:

Elizabeth Soto-Cardona, Mario Medina, Lacey Jordan, Johanna Dominguez, Evelis Galarza-Serrano, Gloria Flaherty, Jasmin Benitez, Rafael Lima, and Rosa G. Diaz (Zoom).

YES- 09

NO- 0

ABSTAIN- 0

ABSENT- 01