

Community Education Council for District 4
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Resolution Providing Dedicated Bussing Transportation for 3K and Pre-K Students in NYC Public Schools for Educational Field Trips During the School Year

Whereas, the New York City Department of Education (NYC DOE) has expanded it's early childhood seats and is committed to providing high-quality early childhood education for 3K and Pre-K students, fostering cognitive, social, and emotional development;

Whereas, field trips provide an essential, hands-on learning experience that enhances classroom education and fosters curiosity, creativity, and social interaction;

Whereas, access to safe and reliable transportation for young students is a critical factor in enabling equitable opportunities for all children to participate in field trips, regardless of location or school resources;

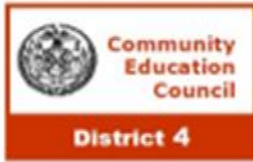
Whereas, the current transportation infrastructure does not uniformly or consistently accommodate the specific needs of 3K and Pre-K students across NYC public schools for field trips, resulting in disparities in access to these enriching experiences;

Whereas, the safety of 3K and Pre-K students during transit is paramount, necessitating transportation vehicles equipped with age-appropriate seating and safety features, as well as trained staff to assist with the needs of very young children;

Therefore be it resolved, that the NYC DOE shall implement a dedicated bussing transportation program for 3K and Pre-K students in NYC public schools, ensuring that all schools have access to safe, age-appropriate transportation for educational field trips during the school year;

Be it further resolved that the program will provide:

- (1) Buses equipped with child safety seats or seat belts appropriate for young children.
- (2) A staffing ratio on buses that ensures there is an aide or assistant present for every group of 10 children to ensure proper supervision and assistance during transit.
- (3) Regular driver training focused on the specific needs of transporting early childhood education students.
- (4) A dedicated budget for bussing field trips, so transportation costs do not become a barrier for schools serving 3K and Pre-K students.



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Be it further resolved that priority for transportation will be given to field trips that provide significant educational value, such as visits to museums, zoos, nature centers, libraries, and cultural institutions that align with early childhood learning standards;

Be it further resolved that the NYC DOE will track and report annually on the utilization of the bussing transportation program, including the number of field trips taken, the destinations, and the feedback from educators and families on the program's effectiveness in enhancing learning opportunities.

Be it finally resolved, that NYCDOE has a goal of full implementation for the upcoming school year and will be reviewed annually to assess and improve the program's operation and equity in access.

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