



Resolution Calling for the Hiring of a Deputy Chancellor for Integration Within the First 100 Days of the New Chancellor’s Term

Date: February 11, 2026

Sponsors: Dr. Kaliris Salas-Ramirez, Lawanda Joyner and Johanna Dominguez.

WHEREAS, New York City remains one of the most racially and socioeconomically segregated public school systems in the United States, reflecting persistent residential segregation and unequal access to opportunity;¹

WHEREAS, the School Diversity Advisory Group (SDAG) was convened by the NYC Department of Education during the de Blasio administration to develop systemwide strategies to address segregation and inequity and to advance racial and socioeconomic integration across districts and schools;²

WHEREAS, the SDAG’s final recommendations emphasized that integration requires district-wide goals, coordinated enrollment planning, alignment of admissions policies, and accountability mechanisms tied to demographic representation and student outcomes;³

WHEREAS, the SDAG explicitly identified the need for centralized leadership and accountability, calling for the appointment of a Chief Integration Officer, to ensure integration strategies are implemented consistently across DOE divisions, rather than relying on isolated school-level initiatives;³

WHEREAS, SDAG recommended that the DOE establish clear structures for systemwide coordination of admissions, enrollment, transportation, program design, and family engagement in order to sustain integration efforts;⁴

WHEREAS, despite these recommendations, New York City has never created a senior executive position, such as a Chief or Deputy Chancellor for Integration, with authority to lead and coordinate this work across the school system;³

WHEREAS, a 2024 analysis released by NYU Metro Center on SDAG progress found that despite localized initiatives, deeper system changes were required to meaningfully impact segregation;⁵

WHEREAS, New Yorkers for Racially Just Public Schools (RJPS) and advocacy groups like Appleseed, CACF, Teens Take Charge and others call for structural reforms that center racial justice, democratic participation, and community leadership in education policy, including explicit commitments to desegregation and equitable access to high-quality schools;⁷

WHEREAS, advocates and integration leaders emphasize that achieving equity requires system-level accountability, dedicated leadership, and policy coherence across admissions, funding, curriculum, and school accountability systems;⁷

WHEREAS, NYC Schools Chancellor Kamar Samuels has publicly stated that he believes “every student — starting in early childhood and continuing through graduation — deserves a school that is academically rigorous, safe, and truly integrated,” and that NYC schools should reflect the city’s multicultural diversity;⁸

WHEREAS, during his mayoral campaign, Mayor Zohran Mamdani consistently lifted the importance of school integration and community engagement, including referencing the work of the School Diversity Advisory Group and the need for inclusive governance in public education;⁹

WHEREAS, without executive-level leadership dedicated to integration, efforts to promote diversity remain fragmented, vulnerable to political shifts, and insufficient to counter entrenched patterns of segregation;³

WHEREAS, school integration is associated with improved academic outcomes, reduced achievement gaps, increased access to experienced teachers, and stronger long-term social and economic outcomes for students;⁷

WHEREAS, Community Education Council District 4 serves a racially, culturally, and economically diverse community that has long advocated for equitable access to high-quality, integrated schools and meaningful community voice in educational policy decisions;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Community Education Council District 4 calls upon the Chancellor of the New York City Department of Education to create and fill the position of Deputy Chancellor for Integration within the first 100 days of the new administration;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Deputy Chancellor for Integration shall be responsible for leading implementation of the School Diversity Advisory Group recommendations, establishing measurable integration goals, and coordinating admissions, enrollment, transportation, and program planning to advance racial and socioeconomic diversity across schools;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Deputy Chancellor for Integration be someone with deep experience and expertise in the SDAG policy framework, school and district-based integration initiatives, Culturally Responsive and Sustaining Education, Restorative Justice, and other intersecting policy issues referenced in the SDAG.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this position shall oversee meaningful engagement with students, families, educators, and community organizations and ensure transparent public reporting on integration benchmarks and outcomes;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this leadership role shall work in alignment with the principles asked for by advocates and rightsholders, centering racial equity, community accountability, and democratic participation in education governance.

This Resolution was approved at D4 CEC Calendar Meeting held on February 11th, 2026, by 9 votes.

Council members as follows:

Dr. Kaliris Salas-Ramire (Yes), Sophie Oulai (Absent), Lacey Jordan (Yes), Johanna Dominguez (Yes), Elizabeth Soto-Cardona (Yes), Adriana Tlacomulco (Yes) (Zoom), Lawanda Joyner (Yes), Vandana Bonilla (Yes), Tia Jackson (Yes) and Kiera Jerez Alston (Yes).

YES- 9

NO- 0

ABSTAIN- 0

ABSENT- 1