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TO: CDEC 30 Members
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FROM: Community Education Council District 30

RE: Hybrid August Calendar and Business Meetings August 12, 2024

The hybrid August Calendar & Business Meetings of Community Education Council District 30 are scheduled for **Monday, August 12, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.** You may attend in person in the 5th Floor Conference Room at 28-11 Queens Plaza North, Long Island City, NY 11101.

You can **fully participate** in the meetings from the comfort of your own space via Zoom. This platform allows you to comment and ask questions, making participation seamless and convenient.

Register in advance here:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84801833948?pwd=chUgg2DT5VQTVoXGdyVHFdDWC7XabA.1>

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6:30 p.m.

****PLEASE NOTE START TIME****

CALENDAR MEETING AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Election of Council Officers
- IV. First Public Agenda and Speaking Time
- V. Resolution 188 Requesting Air Conditioner Installation, Upgrades, and Maintenance to ALL NYC Public Schools (The resolution follows the agenda)
- VI. Lisa Hidalgo, District 30 Community Superintendent's Report
- VII. Public Agenda and Speaking Time

VIII. Adjournment

BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

1. Reading and Approval of the May 2024 Minutes, June 2024 Minutes, and July 2024 Notes
2. Meeting Schedule 2024-2025
3. Approval Proposed Budget for 2024-2025
4. Liaison Assignment Discussion
5. Committee Assignment Discussion
6. Speakers Series
7. NEW BUSINESS

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The date of the September Calendar and Business Meetings of Community Education Council District 30 will be determined. More information will be shared once it is available.

RESOLUTION 188

Requesting Air Conditioner Installation, Upgrades, and Maintenance to All NYC Public Schools

WHEREAS, in 2017 Mayor DiBlasio, the City Council and Chancellor Fariña announced every classroom will have Air Conditioning by 2022. This did not take into account common areas such as gyms, cafeteria's and auditoriums.¹

WHEREAS, in 2017 the city allocated \$28.75m to replace 26% of classroom airconditioners, roughly 11,500 classrooms.

WHEREAS, in 2019 Mayor DiBlasio and the SCA revised the amount in the FY Proposed Five Year Capital Plan increasing the allotment to \$248m in what was called the "Air Conditioner Initiative".²

WHEREAS, in 2021a DOE report for the City Council indicated that only 6,797 units had been replaced.³

WHEREAS, in September of 2021 The Center for Climate Integrity released a publication called Hotter Days, Higher Costs: The Climate Crisis in America's Schools ⁴

WHEREAS, The Hotter Days, Higher Costs Publication names New York State as one of five that will require

over \$1 Billion in new cooling equipment costs by 2025

WHEREAS, The Hotter Days, Higher Costs publications also references that New York City faces one of the highest challenges due to costs and retrofiting older buildings that would result in quick fixes such as in-window units that will end up being costlier in the long run.

WHEREAS, Air Conditioners have been said to create an environment for better focus and concentration. Additionally it affects social and emotional skills.⁵

WHEREAS, A recent study done by New York City found that 11% of children are less likely to do well on their exams on a 90 Degree Day as opposed to on a 72 Degree Day.⁶

WHEREAS, Excessive heat can negatively impact young children both psychologically and developmentally.⁷

WHEREAS, in June of 2023 Canadian Wildfires greatly impacted NYCPS forcing outdoor activities to be canceled yet a number of the buildings lacked the proper ventilation to ensure the safety of Children, Teachers and building employees. Buildings without properly working air conditioners meant that windows needed to remain open allowing for the smoke and polluted air to be able to enter buildings.⁸

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<https://www.nyc.gov/office-of-the-mayor/news/261-17/mayor-de-blasio-chancellor-fari-a-city-council-every-classroom-will-have-air>

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https://dnnhh5cc1.blob.core.windows.net/portals/0/Capital_Plan/Capital_plans/02012019_20_24_CapitalPlan.pdf?sr=b&si=DNNFile_ManagerPolicy&sig=aJpFmjNrFacdfbme5LzsQgHK4k5xelqRZtwQV%2BRsul4%3D

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<https://council.nyc.gov/budget/wp-content/uploads/sites/54/2021/02/Department-of-Education-%E2%80%93-Air-Conditioning-Report-Summary-1-of-2.pdf>

⁴ <https://coolingcrisis.org/uploads/media/HotterDaysHigherCosts-CCI-September2021.pdf>

⁵ <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC8957707/>

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<https://www.chalkbeat.org/newyork/2016/9/28/21099093/is-it-getting-hot-in-here-if-so-you-re-less-likely-to-pass-a-high-stakes-test>

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<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC8970212>

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<https://www.chalkbeat.org/newyork/2023/6/7/23752207/air-pollution-canada-wildfires-nyc-schools-outdoor-activities-cancelations>

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WHEREAS, NYS currently has a minimum temperature limit for schools but there is no maximum temperature limit.⁹

WHEREAS, The NYS Assembly recently passed language that if the indoor temperature were to get in excess of 88 Degrees, school would be canceled.¹⁰

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Community Education Council 30 (CEC 30) urges the NYC Public School System to conduct a thorough survey of existing conditions of ALL air conditioning units inside of every NYCPS building; both In-Window units and Central Systems.

RESOLVED, The NYCPS Chancellor works with all City and State agencies to ensure every building has an effective and working system for adequate cooling in all rooms, including common areas, in every school building.

RESOLVED, That the NYCPS and the SCA explore ALL options including the potential for a carbon neutral footprint.

RESOLVED, NYCPS Chancellor works with the SCA, Superintendent's and building Principal's to ensure that there is a line item on every buildings budget for the maintenance, upkeep and if necessary, timely replacement of Air Conditioners.

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<https://www.uft.org/your-rights/safety-and-health/environmental-health-and-safety/building-hazards/indoor-temperature-regulations>

¹⁰ <https://www.chalkbeat.org/newyork/2024/06/17/heat-wave-new-york-schools-temperature-bill-albany/>