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Resolution 196

Amending Reimbursement Policy for Citywide and Community District Educational Council Members to Reflect Rising Costs in NYC

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WHEREAS, Community Education Council (CEC 30) District 30 passed Resolution 120, on April 11, 2016, which proposed that the reimbursement rates of Citywide and Community District Education Council Members be for all actual and necessary expenses incurred; and

WHEREAS, CEC 30 also passed Resolution 174 on August 14, 2023, which proposed that the \$25,000 budgets for Citywide and Community District Education Councils be increased to \$35,000 and \$31,750 annual allocations, respectively; and

WHEREAS, the cost of living in New York City has increased significantly since 2016, with a cumulative inflation rate of approximately 34.99% and notable increases in housing (41.54%), food and beverages (35.46%), transportation (39.67%), and medical care (24.65%); and

WHEREAS, the NYC Cost of Living Index ranks second-highest in the country, with housing costs 1.5 times the national average; and

WHEREAS, Citywide and Community Education Council Members, who are volunteer leaders, parents, and advocates from diverse backgrounds, generously contribute their time and efforts to support the schools and communities they serve, often incurring personal expenses for transportation, meals, and other expenses related to their official duties without adequate compensation; and

WHEREAS, New York Educational Law 2590-c 1.(c) states: Members (of Community District Education Councils) shall not be paid a salary or a stipend, but shall be reimbursed for all actual and necessary expenses directly related to the duties and responsibilities of community council; and



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WHEREAS, the New York City Department of Education's (DOE) Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) manual for OTPS (Other Personal Service) Purchases, revised on March 2011, section of monetary finite value and monthly limit reimbursement of Citywide and Community Council Members, have not been adjusted in years, despite significant increases in the cost of living, transportation, and other expenses in New York City; and

WHEREAS, the NYC Department of Education (DOE) recognizes the importance of supporting volunteer parents-leaders and advocates who contribute to the success of our schools and communities; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the reimbursement rates for Community/Citywide Education Council (CEC) members be increased from \$125 to at least \$250 per calendar month for CEC Members, and from \$200 to at least \$350 per month for chairpersons/presidents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chancellor and DOE officials work with the City Council and other stakeholders to secure additional funding to increase the budget from the current annual allocation amount of \$25,000 to support the increased reimbursement rates for CEC members and other volunteer leaders in our schools and communities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Chancellor, City Council, New York State Legislators, and other relevant authorities to ensure implementation and support for CEC Members and other volunteer leaders.

Adopted this 08 day of December 2025, by the CEC 30.

Rollcall:

Nahounha Alexandre: **UNEXCUSED ABSENCE**

Linda Chung-Leung: **IN FAVOR**

Alexis Kaloyanides: **IN FAVOR**

Danielle Lopresti-Lee: **IN FAVOR**

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<https://cec30.org/docs/resolutions/Resolution%20120-Regarding-CDEC-Member-Reimbursements.pdf>

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<https://www.schools.nyc.gov/get-involved/families/education-councils>

<https://www.parentadvocates.org/nicemedia/documents/2590-c.pdf>

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