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Resolution 197

Resolution Urging the New York State Legislature to Pass S.8139/A.9048 to Help Address the Needs of Students Experiencing Homelessness, in Foster Care, or in Temporary Housing

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WHEREAS, more than 154,000 New York City students experienced homelessness during the 2024–25 school year, making it the tenth consecutive year in which more than 100,000 students in New York City did not have a permanent place to call home.ⁱ

WHEREAS, more than 15% of New York City Public School (NYCPS) students lack permanent housing.

WHEREAS, if these students comprised their own school district, it would be one of the twenty largest school districts in the United States, larger than the entire enrollment of school systems such as Dallas, San Francisco, Seattle, and many others.ⁱⁱ

WHEREAS, of the NYCPS students who experienced homelessness last year, nearly 65,000 (42%) spent time living in New York City shelters and more than 82,000 (53%) were “doubled up,” or temporarily sharing the housing of others.ⁱⁱⁱ

WHEREAS, roughly one in every eight students in Queens was homeless at some point last year and 15% of District 30 students experienced homelessness.^{iv}

WHEREAS, more than half of all students in temporary housing and two out of three students in shelter were chronically absent, meaning they missed at least one out of every ten school days.^v

WHEREAS, only 22% of students in shelter in grades 3–8 scored proficient on each of the New York State English Language Arts and math exams; in both subjects, these proficiency rates were less than half those of permanently housed students.^{vi}



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WHEREAS, homelessness disproportionately impacted students of color in New York City in 2023–24: 87% of all students in temporary housing and 93% of those in shelter were Black or Hispanic, as compared to 58% of permanently housed students.^{vii}

WHEREAS, students experiencing homelessness were disproportionately likely to be learning English as a new language: 44% of students who were homeless in 2023–24 were English Language Learners (ELLs).^{viii}

WHEREAS, students in temporary housing—and particularly those in shelter—were classified as having disabilities at higher rates than their permanently housed peers.^{ix}

WHEREAS, one in eight students in shelter dropped out of high school—more than three times the dropout rate of their permanently housed peers—and only 62% graduated in four years.^x

WHEREAS, 40% of families are placed in a shelter in a different borough from where they go to school.^{xi}

WHEREAS, the New York State budget passed last spring failed to include an update to the Foundation Aid per-pupil funding formula that would have added funding for each student in temporary housing or foster care,^{xii} instead continuing a formula that provides no additional funding to help districts meet the needs of these students.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the District 30 Community Education Council urges the Governor and State Legislature to change the formula in this year's budget to provide school districts with funding to help address the unique needs of students who are experiencing homelessness, as proposed in pending legislation in the New York State Senate (S.8139) and Assembly (A.9048), and ensure that additional supports are provided for ELLs and students with IEPs who are experiencing homelessness.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to the Governor of New York and elected officials that represent the neighborhoods included within the geographic borders of Community School District 30.

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



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ⁱ https://advocatesforchildren.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/NP_sth_data_release_10202025.pdf

ⁱⁱ <https://www.cityandstateny.com/policy/2025/10/report-154k-nyc-public-school-students-were-homeless-last-year/408905/>

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^{iv} https://advocatesforchildren.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/student_homelessness_2024-25.pdf

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^{xi} <https://ny1.com/nyc/all-boroughs/education/2025/10/17/more-than-150-000-nyc-students-were-homeless-during-the-last-school-year>

^{xii} <https://www.chalkbeat.org/newyork/2025/03/28/foundation-aid-fight-over-governor-hochul-budget-shortfall-for-new-york-city/>