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RESOLUTION #174

Requesting Increases to Community and Citywide Education Council Budgets

WHEREAS, the budgets of Community and Citywide Education Councils (CCEC) have remained unchanged at \$25,000 since November 2019; and

WHEREAS, inflation rates have been abnormally high since 2020 because of COVID-19-induced disruptions to supply chains, energy price volatility due to Russia's invasion of Ukraine, and wage pressures in labor markets¹; and

WHEREAS, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the New York-Newark-Jersey City area, published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, was 279.468 in Nov 2019 and has risen to 321.290 in Jun 2023, a 15% increase²; and

WHEREAS, 15% growth for inflation, applied to the \$25,000 CCEC budget dating to Nov 2019, would increase CCEC budgets in FY 2023 dollars to \$28,750; and

WHEREAS, Governor Hochul signed Senate Bill S9459 on Jun 30, 2022, amending NYS education law to expand the composition of community district education councils from 11 voting members to 12 voting members by adding a member to represent District 75 (D75) schools and by increasing the number of student members from 1 student member to 2 student members³; and

WHEREAS, a D75 parent likely requires a reimbursement of childcare expenses to attend CCEC meetings, currently with an annual reimbursement limit of \$1,500; and

WHEREAS, an additional student member would be eligible to claim up to \$125 per meeting attended for data, internet, and transportation expenses, with a term reimbursement limit of \$1,500; and

WHEREAS, a budget adjusted for inflation, along with an additional \$1,500 allowance for the new D75 parent and an additional \$1,500 allowance for the additional student member, increases the FY 19 CEC budget of \$25,000 to a total budget amount of \$31,750 in FY 2023 dollars; and

WHEREAS, travel expenses for members of citywide councils (Citywide Council for District 75, Citywide Council on Special Education, Citywide Council on English Language Learners, Citywide Council on High Schools) very likely exceeds the travel expenses of Community Education Council (CEC) members; and

WHEREAS, the requirement for in-person or hybrid meetings will now require more members to incur childcare costs that can also exceed the annual reimbursement limits for members, which limits the amount of these previously undistributed funds that have been historically reallocated for many District 30 programs, like the recently successful District 30 Family Fun Day where approximately \$8,100 of undistributed funds were reallocated for this program; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Community Education Council 30 (CEC 30) urges the Chancellor to immediately increase CEC budgets to a \$31,750 annual allocation and citywide council budgets to \$35,000.

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¹ <https://www.bls.gov/opub/mlr/2023/beyond-bls/what-caused-inflation-to-spike-after-2020.htm>

² <https://www.bls.gov/regions/new-york-new-jersey/data/xg-tables/ro2xgcpiny.htm>

³ <https://ny.chalkbeat.org/2022/7/1/23191277/hochul-signs-nyc-mayoral-control-bill-into-law-with-a-tweak>.