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Resolution #141

In Support of Allowing District Specific Admission Policy and Meaningful Parent Input in its Development

Co-sponsors: Maud Maron, Thomas Wrocklage, Ben Morden
7 in favor, 4 against. Passed 5/14/20

Whereas:

1. Community Education Council District 2 (“CECD2”) is charged with providing input to the Chancellor and Panel for Education Policy (“PEP”) on district concerns;
2. The Coronavirus pandemic necessitated many changes to public school education, including school closure, the development and implementation of remote learning, and the cancellation of State tests;
3. The New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) issued new guidance on attendance as an admissions metric and a new grade policy;
4. The DOE is currently developing an admission policy for next school year in the absence of the three most common metrics used for screened admissions: attendance, State tests and year end grades;
5. There is significant variability among districts in terms of how admissions traditionally work and what district communities are currently seeking in response to concerns about remote learning and the many hasty pandemic-related changes;
6. District 2 has spent considerable effort developing its admissions metrics and rubrics, as well as developing district-specific integration plans;
7. Parent input via School Leadership Teams, Parent Teacher Associations, and Community Education Councils has been a significant factor in the development of admissions systems;
8. On-going New York State Integration Pilot (“NYSIP”) grant applications are predicated on the current admissions system and, but for the pandemic, would have been implemented for this admission cycle.

Therefore be it Resolved that CECD2 urges the DOE to allow District 2 to develop and implement district appropriate and specific admission policies for D2 middle schools and D2 high schools for the upcoming admissions cycle after consultation with the district community stakeholders and consistent with the integration plans already underway for the district.