



Community Education Council 24

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Resolution #158

Resolution Requesting Increases to Community and City Council of Education Budgets

Sponsor: Matt Crescio

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

WHEREAS, inflation rates have been abnormally high since 2020 due to COVID-19-induced disruptions to supply chains, volatile energy prices due to Russia's invasion of Ukraine, and wage pressures in labour markets; 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 November 2019 and has risen to 322,496 in July 2023, an increase of 15%; and **WHEREAS**, a 15% inflation growth, applied to CCEC/s \$25,000 budget dating back to November 2019, would increase CCEC's FY 2023 dollar budgets to \$28,750; and **WHEREAS**, on June 30, 2022, Governor Hochul signed Senate Bill S9459, amending the New York State Education Act (New York State) to expand the composition of community district boards of education from 11 to 12 members by adding one member to represent District 75 (D75) schools; and

WHEREAS, a D75 parent requires reimbursement of child care expenses to attend CCEC meetings, currently with an annual reimbursement limit of \$1,500.

WHEREAS, an inflation-adjusted budget, coupled with an additional \$1,500 allocation for the new D75 matrix increases the CEC's FY 2019 budget from \$25,000 to a total FY 2023 dollar total budget amount of \$30,250; and

WHEREAS, travel expenses for members of city councils (District 75 City Council, City Council on Special Education, City Council on English Language Learners, City Council on High Schools) are likely to exceed the travel expenses of members of the Community Council on Education (CEC); and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Community Education Council 24 (CEC 24) urges the Chancellor to immediately increase CEC budgets to an annual allocation of \$30,000 and city council budgets to \$35,000.



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

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

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

Resolution adopted/not adopted by roll call vote of CEC24 on mm/dd/yyyy by a vote of:

Member	Yes	No	Abstain
Veronica Piedra-Leon, President			
Connie Altamirano, Vice President			
Mati Gonzalez, Treasurer			
Johanna Pineda, ELL Representative			
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Vote: Yes No Abstain