



Community Education Council 24

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CEC24 Resolution #175

Resolution for the Removal of Interim Acting President Veronica Piedra Leon

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Whereas, the leadership of the Community Education Council for District 24 (CEC24) is critical to fulfilling its mission of advocating for students and families;

Whereas, Interim Acting President Veronica Piedra Leon has demonstrated a consistent failure to meet the responsibilities and duties of her position as outlined by the New York State Education Law and CEC24 bylaws;

Whereas, the following specific actions and inactions highlight a clear pattern of absenteeism, mismanagement, and neglect of leadership duties:

Attendance Violations

1. Missed seven (7) CEC24 meetings without providing official notification to council members, in violation of New York State Education Law, which permits a maximum of three (3) absences.
2. Called an emergency meeting on January 16 due to lack of planning, forcing members to adjust work schedules and childcare arrangements on short notice.
3. Failed to attend the emergency meeting that she herself called.

Failure to Fulfill Mandatory Duties

4. Attended only two (2) District Planning Meeting for the 2024-2025 school year, despite being a mandatory member or being required to send a representative to ensure parents' voices are heard.
5. Denied parents a voice at the table by failing to provide adequate leadership and representation.



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Leadership Absence and Mismanagement

6. Absent as a leader for three (3) months, leaving the council without direction.
7. Sent an email placing blame on NYC DOE FACE for council issues, despite their lack of authority over CEC24 .
8. Disrespected and insulted fellow CEC24 members in the same email, blaming them for inaction while attempting to appear as a leader.

Translation Service Denial

9. Refused to approve translation services for a CEC24 member, hindering their ability to contribute effectively.

Intimidation, False Allegations

10. Attempted to file false allegations against a fellow council member, claiming they would violently attack other members, to silence dissent and remove them from the council.
11. Tried to convince other CEC24 members to support these false allegations, but they refused.

Reimbursement Delays

13. Delayed approval of reimbursement requests from certain members without providing reasons or explanations, contrary to bylaws.
14. Shifted blame to DOE for not signing off on forms that the President is required to handle.

Failure to Foster Collaboration

15. Failed to attend any council check-ins for the 2024-2025 school year, which are critical for fostering collaboration and unity.
16. Ignored requests from Presidents' Council to meet with CEC24, as required by New York State Education Law.

Historical Comparison and Lack of Advocacy

17. Since the establishment of CEC24 in 2002, the council has historically secured an average of \$3.75 million annually for school improvements and program expansions, including annexes, ELL, NEST, Horizon, STEAM, STEM, and Gifted & Talented



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programs, as well as free after-school programs funded by city and state grants. Under I.A. Veronica Leon leadership has not advocated for one program for D24. Therefore denying the students in D24 a superior education.

18. Under the leadership of IA Piedra Leon, no programs have been expanded, some have been cut, and no funding has been secured—marking the first time in 23 years that no funds have been allocated for school improvements.

Therefore, Be It Resolved:

1. That Interim Acting President Veronica Piedra Leon is hereby removed from her position as Interim Acting President of CEC24, effective immediately.
2. This resolution serves to restore competent and effective leadership to CEC24, ensuring the council can refocus on its mission to advocate for the students and families of District 24.
3. CEC24 will elect new leadership to fulfill the responsibilities of the President's role in accordance with the bylaws and New York State Education Law.

Resolved on this day:

Motioned by:

Seconded by:

Vote:

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Adopted this [Insert Date] day of February, 2025, by the Community Education Council District 24.

