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CEC 31 Virtual Business Meeting and Virtual Calendar Meeting January 8 2024

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Business Meeting

- **Call to Order** at 6:38PM and welcomed by President Lucia Curatolo-Boylan
- **Welcomed interpretation services** in Russian, Mandarin, and Spanish
- **Roll call of Members** - *In-Person: Lucia Curatolo-Boylan, Joseph Bird, Frank Marino, Daniella Caputo, Teresa Cirelli, Andrew Guido, Melissa Cosentino Yekaterina Slobodkin, James Desiderato*

- **Approval of December Business Meeting Minutes**

- **CEC31 Budget Allocation Review**

Motion on the floor to move \$240 from the \$240 for document signing software to food and refreshments

Motion 1st: *Daniella Caputo*

Motion 2nd: *Teresa Cirelli*

Motion on the floor to move \$500 from the P. Card funds to food as well.

Motion 1st: *Joseph Bird*

Motion 2nd: *Teresa Cirelli*

- **President's Report:**

Discussed New York City's Education Department cuts of \$547 million. Cuts will affect free pre-k & 3K programming, community schools that support families with out-of-school needs, and the Summer Rising program. A hiring freeze and slowdown will create a bulk of the savings and the elimination of 432 vacant non-classroom positions will lead to a combined \$157 million in savings. A mandate to rein in spending on "supplemental pay for administrative staff" is expected to save another \$86 million this year. New York City's teachers union is suing Mayor Eric Adams to halt school budget cuts. Adams is violating a state law barring the city from decreasing its contribution to schools when the city's overall revenue doesn't go down, the United Federation of Teachers' lawsuit argues. It is the second legal challenge from a municipal union in the last two weeks seeking to stop the cuts. DC 37, the city's largest public union, sued over the cuts last week.

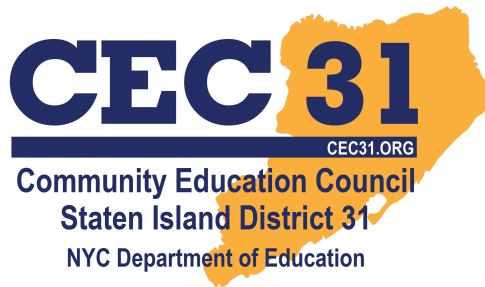
District has selected HMH as our mandated ELA curriculum, and we'll begin phase 2 of that implementation in September of 2024.

There will not be anyone to elect to the Equity Council from Staten Island for this year. Any questions reach out to NMickens2@schools.nyc.gov.

CCHS will be voting on that resolution to eliminate early voting in public schools on school days at the upcoming calendar meeting.

Councilmembers can attend the SI North Shore Summit on February seventh, at the Staten Island Museum. RSVP at

<https://northwellhealth.org/4MZO-1L87L-7WIDRW-1FOKVP-1/c.aspx>



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We still are unable to fill the D75 Seat on Council due to lack of communication with D75 President's Council who is responsible for designating the candidate to fill the vacancy.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1NBB9ZrGm_OSXK7eidz3FEmN21n3DJbIHFF8-ToBvKLs/edit?usp=sharing

- **No Councilmember reports**
- **No New Business for next month's agenda**
- **Motion to Adjourn**
 - Motion 1st:** *Melissa Cosentino*
 - Motion 2nd:** *Yekaterina Slobodkin*
- **Meeting Adjourned 7:20pm**

Calendar Meeting

- **Call to Order** at 7:35PM and welcomed by President Lucia Curatolo-Boylan
- **Welcomed interpretation services** in Russian, Mandarin, and Spanish
- **Roll call of Members** - *In-Person: Lucia Curatolo-Boylan, Joseph Bird, Frank Marino, Daniella Caputo, Teresa Cirelli, Andrew Guido, Melissa Cosentino Yekaterina Slobodkin, James Desiderato*

- **Approval of December Calendar Meeting Minutes**

- **Presentations:**

Steve Gonzalez Manager of External Affairs for School Construction Authority
Yvette Knight Director of External Affairs for School Construction Authority
Dwight Clark Senior Project Officer for Staten Island School Construction Authority
Anthony Salvador Director of School Facilities
Stu Kaplan Safety and Health Representative UFT

[FY 2025-2029 FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL PLAN PROPOSED AMENDMENT](#)

Highlights for SI:

P.S 5 Shelley Ave K-5 Building with D75 co-location opening 2025
Richard Hungerford School completed 1.5 years ago
PS 57 WAELS opened up in September
Forest Avenue Community Educational Complex opened over a year ago
Ps. 13 Annex will have approx 283 seats and opens June of 2027
Exterior Masonry - **20 million** with 12 projects complete
Boiler Conversion - **40 million** on 7 projects
Window Replacements - **9 million** on 3 projects
Reso A Projects funded by members of the New York City Council, the borough president's office, or individual grants. Athletic field at Port

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Richmond, playgrounds, Smart boards, auditorium upgrades, science labs, athletic fields, pools, gyms and cafeteria experience enhancement. A little over 6.1 million dollars. The last capital plan was 7.3 million.

Sgt Impatrice from Blue Hearts. Joseph Imperatrice

\$15,000 from City Council for the program. Engaged with Councilman Barely's office and ongoing talks with the city and Councilman Brill's office for fund allocation amidst the migrant crisis. Scheduled a school visit in February for K-5 students. Also, flying in terminally ill children, like Julian, with plans for his visit to Staten Island on February 28th. Involved in heartwarming initiatives, expanding beyond the city, emphasizing the positive role of police officers. Open invitation for community involvement during Julian's visit, potentially including a school visit and drive-by wave

• President's Report:

CCHS will be voting on that resolution to eliminate early voting in public schools on school days at the upcoming calendar meeting. The final resolution will be posted. CCHS invites you to our January Calendar & Business Meeting

Date: Wednesday, January 10th, 2023

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Tweed Courthouse, 52 Chambers St., New York, NY 10007, 2nd Floor Conference Room 2.

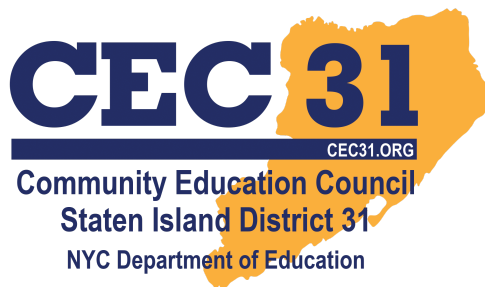
Register in advance for this meeting for Zoom access at:

<https://bit.ly/3XMuTdw>

Lathrope Voorspuy Memorial Scholarship Fund Encouraging grass-roots activism by underwriting the cost for students in programs which train for community organizing, or political candidacies. Scholarship application period is open <https://www.lvmsf.org/apply>

(Civic Engagement Commission) across the City to serve on our Poll Site Language Assistance program's Language Assistance Advisory Committee. The committee advises the CEC and assists us in connecting with and supporting limited English proficient communities across NYC so they can exercise their right to vote in their language. If you happened to know anyone that works with or are a part of any of the following language communities (Arabic, Bengali, Cantonese, French, Haitian, Korean, Italian, Mandarin, Polish, Russian, Yiddish, and Urdu) please have them fill out an application by January 15, 2024: <https://forms.gle/CAjqsZCpLyv8WAjc6> for more info email Anila Cobo at acobo@civicengagement.nyc.gov

District 75 schools, catering to students with complex disabilities, face significant budget cuts totaling around \$97 million. These cuts, ordered by Mayor Eric Adams, aim to achieve savings for the Education Department. Despite a rise in enrollment, these mid-year cuts are impacting extracurricular programs, supply budgets, and paraprofessional support for approximately 26,000 students. The



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Department of Education attributes the cuts to the need to reconcile enrollment with resources and identify savings targets. Unlike other public schools, District 75 schools don't typically undergo mid-year adjustments, making these cuts particularly challenging for them.

The New York Class Size Working Group released a 55-page report with over 50 recommendations, including capping enrollment at overcrowded schools, relocating pre-K programs, and offering incentives for teacher hiring. The report is non-binding, and final decisions rest with Education Department officials. Mandates to limit class sizes are expected to be phased in over five years, with caps ranging from 20 to 25 students. While proponents cite research supporting smaller class sizes, Education Department leaders argue funding constraints. Concerns about enrollment restrictions and equity implications have also been raised. Some members of the working group dissented, issuing a minority report.

• Superintendent's Report:

Took a moment of silence to honor Rory DeCristoforo, a 6-year-old student from D 75 who lost her life in a house fire on New Year's Day. Celebrated the outpouring of love and support from the community.

Announced the retirement of Nancy Acosta Marillo and the appointment of Dr. Jason Codo as the new acting interim principal.

They highlighted positive developments at different schools, such as the supportive school Spirit Day gesture for a new principal at PS. 38 and the successful work at PS. 58 and PS. 20.

Addressed feedback from a Town Hall regarding bullying concerns, emphasizing efforts to support schools and students. The student services team is actively involved in educating parents on the distinction between bullying and conflict resolution, implementing restorative practices, and collaborating with Da McMahon's office to train parent coordinators in de-escalating bullying situations.

• Committee Reports:

Frank Marino Paid tribute to the late Sergeant Mark McIntyre killed in the line of duty and celebrated his life's achievements

• No Public Speakers

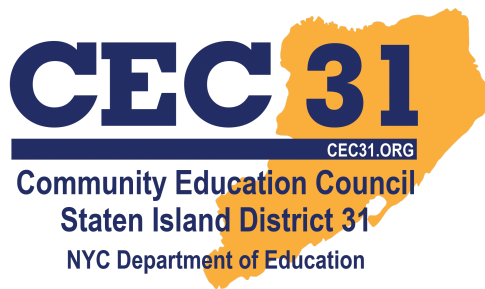
• No New Business for next month's agenda

• Motion to Adjourn

Motion 1st: Melissa Cosentino

Motion 2nd: Frank Marino

Meeting Adjourned 8:45pm



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