

**CEC 31 Hybrid Business Meeting and Calendar
Meeting Minutes
Monday November 4th, 2025**

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BUSINESS MEETING

- **Call to Order** at 6:34 PM and welcomed by President Lucia Curatolo-Boylan

- **Welcome Remarks:**

Thank you for making the time to join us this evening. Our Council values accessibility, and so this evening's meeting will be translated in Mandarin, Russian, and Spanish.

- **Interpretation services in Russian, Mandarin, and Spanish provided**

- **Roll call of Members**

In-Person: Daphne Appiah, Joseph Bird, Teresa Cirelli, Lucia Curatolo-Boylan, Jimmy Desiderato, Andrew Guido, Amanda Kelly, Kristie Montalvan, Jessica Reyes, Peri Sgambelluri & Erin Ulitto,

Absent: Daniella Caputo

- **Approval October Draft Business Meeting Minutes**

Motion to forgo reading minutes aloud in the interest of time. Minutes were distributed to the public prior to the meeting and presented on screen during the meeting.

Motion 1st: Amanda Kelly

Motion 2nd: Melissa Cosentino

Meeting minutes were approved by all members in attendance

- **Review Member Absences**

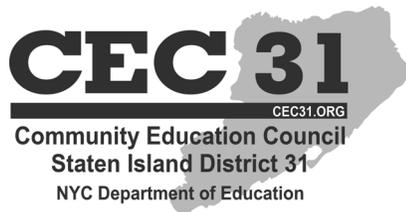
- Following members were absent in October
 - Frank Marino

Motion to Approve Absence as Excused or Unexcused

Motion 1st: Andrew Guido

Motion 2nd: Jimmy Desiderato

- Councilmembers unanimously approved the absence as excused and moved to vote at the Calendar Meeting



• **Review of CEC By-Laws**

Motion to forgo reading minutes aloud in the interest of time. By-laws were distributed to the membership prior to the meeting and presented on screen during the meeting.

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Motion 1st: *Erin Ulitto*

Motion 2nd: *Jimmy Desiderato*

- Floor was opened for Councilmember discussion
 - Comments placed in the document for grammatical errors were accepted. We had some suggestions that, in our bylaws we need to address the School Construction Authority and Zoning Committee. That mandate is met with our school facilities and construction committee. Suggestion was made to combine our business and calendar into one meeting to make it more accessible for families. However, according to Chancellor's regulations, we are unable to do so. Suggestion was made to add a PEP parent representative report at our calendar meeting, and that suggestion was accepted. We also had a request to review the time limit of public comment question and answer. Also suggested was a 15 minute time limit and 5 additional minutes for Q&A placed on all presentations at our meetings
 - Discussion was had regarding the amount of presenters at meetings and a cap of no more than 2
 - Also discussed having President's Council Representative speak during public comment monthly

Motion to Accept By-Law Draft and move to vote at Calendar Mtg

Motion 1st: *Andrew Guido*

Motion 2nd: *Frank Marino*

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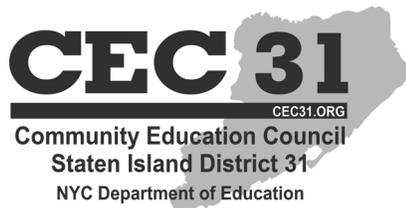
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• **President's Report**

• **ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:**

- Our Administrative Assistant Lauren Ricchici has been given a start date of 11/17. So that is wonderful and much needed news! We are eager and so happy to have be officially joining our Team

• **REIMBURSEMENTS:**

- A reminder for all Councilmembers to complete their monthly reimbursement forms and child care expense logs. Currently I have only received reimbursements from 3 members. There is apparently a big back log and FACE has dictated that they be submitted monthly.

• **WEBSITE:**

- Our website has been mostly updated. There are still a few things ongoing. PLease provide a headshot and bio for the site so that it can be updated as well.

• **SCHOOL GOVERNANCE PANELS:**

- The Alliance for Quality Education and Education Council Consortium are excited to co-host a series of panels on school governance in NYC.
 - Join us on 11/10 at 6:30 pm for Looking Back to Move Forward, a History of NYC School Governance. Register now at bit.ly/nycschoolgov.
 - Zakiyah Shaakir-Ansari will moderate a dynamic panel of education leaders and former school board members: State Senators and former school board members Robert Jackson and Cordell Cleare, educational historian Ansley Erickson, educational historian and former school board member Heather Lewis, and former school board member Margaret Kelley.

• **Chancellor's Regulation D-210 AMENDMENT**

- Following engagement in October 2025, the proposed amendments to Chancellor's Regulation D-210 have been posted for public comment and review.
- You can find the public notice and proposed amendments on the PEP's SharePoint site: [Amendments to Chancellor's Regulation D-210](#)
- The PEP meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 17, 2025, at 6:00pm (EST) at the Evander Childs Educational Campus (800 East Gun Hill Road, Bronx, New York 10467).
- To have your voices heard, written comments may be submitted via the e-mail address listed below. Oral comments may be submitted via the phone number listed below.

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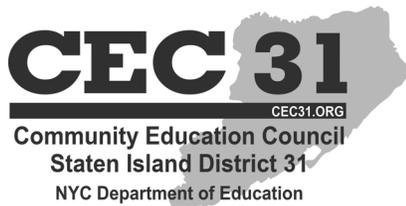
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- Nina S. Mickens, Equity Compliance Officer
- Office: Office of Family and Community Empowerment
- Address: 52 Chambers Street, New York, NY 10007
- Email: RegulationD-210@schools.nyc.gov
- Phone: 212-374-5031

● **SCA FINAL REPORT:**

- SCA thanks us for submitting requests for the November 2024 FY 2025 - 2029 Five Year Plan on behalf of your Community Education Council. They have sent Final Responses to your requests. That file was shared with Councilmembers please feel free to review at your leisure. If we have any questions, we can contact Erik Martir in the SCA Capital Plan Management Department at emartir@nycsca.org.
- Our November 2025 of Five Year Capital Plan Requests begin shortly and will have a submission date by mid December

● **Councilmember Reports**

None

● **Old Business**

None

● **New Business**

None

● **Motion to Adjourn**

Motion 1st: *Frank Marino*

Motion 2nd: *Melissa Cosentino*

● **Meeting Adjourned 7:20pm**

CALENDAR MEETING

- **Call to Order** at 7:35 PM and welcomed by President Lucia Curatolo-Boylan

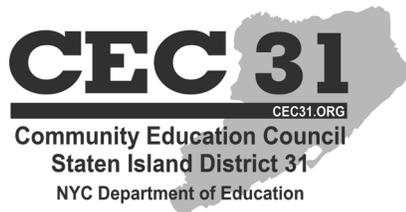
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• **Vote on Excused Member Absences**

- Councilmember Frank Marino was absent in October
- Councilmembers unanimously voted the absence as excused

• **Vote of CEC By-Laws**

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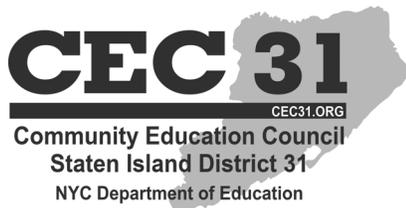
Motion 1st: *Melissa Cosentino*

Motion 2nd: *Teresa Cirelli*

- Opened the floor for Councilmember and Public Comment
- Councilmembers unanimously voted to accept 2025-2027 CEC31 By-Laws

• **President's Report**

- **MIDDLE SCHOOL ADMISSIONS:**
 - This is a reminder to apply to middle school by Friday, December 12, 2025. Submitting your child's application by the deadline is your best chance at getting an offer to a program you choose!
 - Already applied? Wonderful—you're all set.
 - Haven't yet applied? Even if you're unsure of your fall 2026 plans, there is no downside to applying now.
 - How To Apply
 - Log in to your MySchools.nyc account to explore your child's middle school options. Remember, you can now apply to middle school programs citywide. Learn more about program admissions methods through the Middle School Directory.



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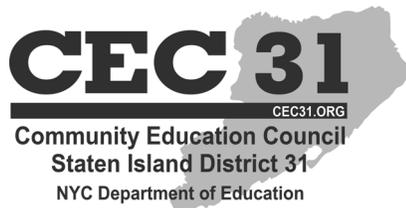
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- Students will continue to have priority to their zoned program (if they have one) and to programs in their district.
- A strong middle school application includes programs in the district(s) where your child lives or goes to school.
- List programs in your true order of preference, with your favorite program as #1. There's no limit to how many programs you may list. You can submit your child's middle school application one of the following ways:
 - Online at [MySchools.nyc](https://www.myschools.nyc.gov)—Recommended!
 - Through your child's current school counselor (for public or charter school families).
 - At a Family Welcome Center (for private school families). Ours is located at 365 Bay Street, SI, NY10301
- Interested In Audition Programs?
 - The deadline to request testing for Mark Twain and the District 21 talent programs in Dance, Drama, Science, Computer/Math, Media, or Athletics is Monday, November 3. To be considered, register to test and add the program(s) to your child's application.
 - Visual and performing arts programs require applicants to submit a virtual audition by December 12. Interested students can submit audition files online, directly through your MySchools account. Learn how to prepare auditions for specific programs at schools.nyc.gov/MSAuditions.
- LEARN MORE
 - Visit schools.nyc.gov/MS.
 - Watch tutorials on how to create a MySchools account and apply to middle school.
 - Questions? Talk to your child's school counselor, get support from a Family Welcome Center, or call 718-935-2009.
- **HS ADMISSIONS WORKSHOP:**
 - PLACE NYC is hosting a free online event for families interested in learning more about NYC's High School Applications process, including what are the types of admissions, what to consider for ranking schools, how will the lottery number



affect my offers, and a chance to ask parents who've done this and share their advice, plus our list of hidden gems.

- What: PLACE NYC High School Applications
- When: Wednesday, November 5 at 7:30pm
- Where: Online
- Please register for the Zoom link:
<https://tinyurl.com/2025-HS-Applications>

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● **BUS CONTRACTS:**

- We are pleased to share that yellow bus service will continue uninterrupted. NYCPS understands how important these services are to families, and your child's education and well-being remain our top priority. They are committed to working with our bus companies to reach a long-term resolution.
- We appreciate that the bus companies are ensuring students' uninterrupted access to education, and we are grateful to all the families and advocates who came together with us to help plan ahead in case of any disruptions.
- If you have not received it we will place the link to the Chancellor's letter on bus service in the chat. letter and translations
- I do want to say that while it is of the utmost importance to ensure our children's service to school goes uninterrupted, our school bus contracts are severely outdated, leading to a dysfunctional pupil transportation system that harms our most vulnerable students.
- Bill S1018/A8440 amends New York's Education Law to protect school bus workers' jobs, pay, and benefits when new transportation contracts are awarded—specifically in New York City (a city with at least one million residents).
 - Key Provisions
 - Retention and Hiring Protections
 - When a New York City school district awards new school bus transportation contracts (for grades K–12), the contracts must include provisions that:
 - Give retention or hiring preference to existing or recently laid-off school bus workers.
 - Preserve workers' wages, health, welfare, retirement benefits, and seniority for those rehired under the new contract.

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- This covers Operators, mechanics, dispatchers, or attendants who were employed on or after June 30, 2023 by: A contractor or subcontractor with a transportation contract from the NYC Department of Education. Workers who lost their jobs or were furloughed because their employer lost all or part of a school bus contract, or

- ONE WAY TO HELP?

- Help urge the State legislature to pass, and the governor to sign into law, S1018/A8440. Call your Senator and Assembly person today and ask them to co-sponsor this bill. We need as many co-sponsors as possible to ensure that these 2 bills pass both the Senate and the Assembly. It's ok to call after hours and leave a message for the electeds. Find your elected officials here: <https://www.mygovnyc.org/>

- SCHOOL BUDGETS

- Some good news for our New York City will not cut school budgets midyear for lower-than-expected enrollment, continuing the “hold harmless” policy. The move lets schools keep millions they’d normally lose—\$157 million last year alone—but could create financial challenges for the next mayor.

- SNAP BENEFITS:

- Two federal judges ruled Friday that the Trump administration must continue funding SNAP during the government shutdown, preventing a historic delay in benefits scheduled for Nov. 1.
- Over 42 million Americans rely on SNAP, including 1.8 million in NYC and 800,000 in New Jersey. In response to the shutdown threat, NYC and New York State pledged \$45 million in emergency food aid, and New Jersey allocated \$42.5 million for food banks.
- Local governments and schools are also coordinating food assistance for families at risk of losing benefits. SI has 45 Food Pantries that can help with no questions asked/ We will post the link to and names of those organizations in our chat <https://www.hungryonstatenisland.com/pantries.htm>
- Pantries in Alphabetical Order

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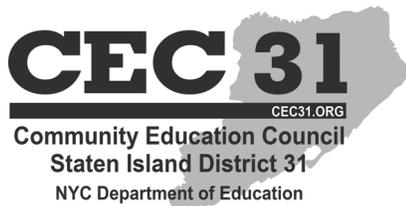
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- A Chance in Life: The Village, 1100 Castleton Avenue, 10310, (718) 749-0909. Hours: Every Tuesday 11AM -1PM. Tickets are given out at 9AM.
- All Saints Episcopal Church: 2329 Victory Blvd., 10314, (718) 698-1338. Hours: Mon- Fri. 10AM-12 noon.
- Assumption-St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church 145 Clinton Avenue (back entrance), 10301, (718) 727-2672. Hours: Wed. 1-2PM.
- Bait-ul Jamaat/House of Community & Richmond Senior Services 192 Corson Ave., 10301, 347-289-7991. Hours: First and third Thurs. 11AM-4PM. For delivery to housebound elders or people with disabilities, call or text (347) 289-7991.
- Bikur Cholim of Staten Island: 46 Birchard Ave., 10314, (718) 983-9272. Please call for an appointment.
- Calvary Assembly of God: 4055 Richmond Ave., 10312, (718) 356-4555. Hours: Thurs. 11AM-12:30PM.
- Catholic Charities of Staten Island:
- Cassidy Coles Senior Center, NYCHA, 125 Cassidy Place, 10301, (718) 447-6330, Ext. 2884, every second and fourth Mon. 2-3PM.
- CYO Community Center, 120 Anderson Ave., 10302, (718) 447-6330, Ext. 2884, Thur. 10AM-12 NOON.
- Immaculate Conception Church, 128 Targee St., 10304, (718) 447-6330, Ext. 2884, first and third Tues. 9-10AM.
- St. Joseph's Church, 463 Tompkins Ave., 10305, (718) 447-6330, Ext. 2884, first and third Wed. 9-10AM.
- Seaview C Development, 155-175 Friendship Lane, 10314, second and fourth Tues. 10:30-11:30AM
- Todt Hill Houses, NYCHA, 255 Westwood Ave., 10314, second and fourth Wed. 10:30-11:30AM
- West Brighton Senior Center at NYCHA West Brighton Houses, 230 Broadway, 10310, (718) 447-6330, Ext. 2884, first and third Fri. 9:30-10:30AM.
- Christian Pentecostal Church: 900 Richmond Rd., 10304, (718) 273-5850. Hours: Tues. 3-7PM.
- City Harvest Mobile Markets: Stapleton NYCHA Houses, 75 Hill St., 10304, (866) 444-0244. Hours: First Tues., third Sat., 9-11AM. You must live in 10301, 10304, 10305, 10310 or in NYCHA housing.
- Community Health Action of SI: 2134 Richmond Terrace, 10302, (718) 808-1840. Hours: Tuesday, 10AM-2PM (seniors/over 60 only); Wednesday, 12NOON-4PM; Friday, 2-6PM; Saturday, 10AM-2PM. Doors close one half-hour before the end of the distribution.
- El Centro del Inmigrante 260 Port Richmond Ave., 10302, (347) 825-2086. Hours: Tues. 3-3:30PM. Please call if an emergency.



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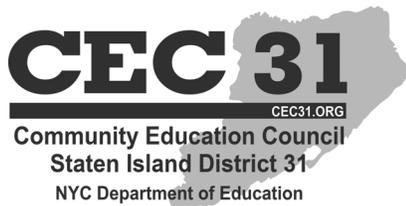
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- Everyone Eats SI: 88 New Dorp Plaza, suite #301, 10306, (718) 925-9056. Call for appointment.
- Feeding with TLC, Inc.: Trinity Lutheran Church, 309 St. Paul's Ave., 10304, (718) 447-0526. Pantry and soup kitchen hours: Sat. 11AM-1PM.
- First United Christian Church: 109 Victory Blvd., 10301, (718) 981-4828. Hours: Sun. 2:30-4:30PM. Call at other times. Closed first Sunday of the month.
- God's Love We Deliver: 166 Avenue of the Americas, (212) 294-8102. For people with chronic or life-altering illness like cancer, Alzheimer's, renal failure, COPD, HIV/AIDS, or another serious condition. Call Client Services to register.
- Harvest Food Pantry 402 Bay Street, 10301, (347) 351-1106 or (347) 285-6384, harvestsi01@gmail.com. Hours: Last Sat. of every month, 11AM-2PM (or until food runs out).
- H.E.A.L.T.H. For Youths Fresh Food Pantry 120 Victory Blvd., 10301, heather.butts@health4youths.org. Hours: Fri. 10AM-12 NOON.
- Holy Rosary Church: 80 Jerome Ave., 10305, (718) 727-3360. Hours: Mon-Fri 9:30AM-1PM, 2-2:30PM (10305 only).
- Jacob's Well, Our Lady of Pity's Gym: 1616 Richmond Ave., 10314, (347) 215-1818, <https://jacobswellfoodpantry.com/>. Hours: Thurs. 9:30-11:30AM
- Jewish Community Center of SI: 1466 Manor Rd., 10314, (718) 475-5245. Hours: Mon.-Fri. by appointment via the Plentiful app (plentifulapp.com)
- Meals on Wheels of Staten Island: 304 Port Richmond Ave., 10302, (718) 727-4435, <http://mealsonwheelsofsi.org>. Meals for homebound seniors.
- Mesivtha of Staten Island: 1870 Drumgoole Road E., 10309, (718) 356-5412, (718) 356-4323. Wed. 11AM-12 NOON.
- Mount Sinai Community Center: 382 Jersey St., 10301, 2nd and 4th Sat., 10AM-1PM.
- Muslim American Society New York: 180 Burgher Ave., 10304, (800) 668-0742. Fri. 12-2PM. English and Arabic spoken
- New Brighton Church of God in Christ: 386 Jersey St., 10301, (347) 626-4526. Hours: Sat. 10AM-1PM. ID preferred.
- New Direction Services: 1027 Post Ave., 10302, (718) 880-8773. Please call for an appointment.
- New York City Department of Probation Nutritional Kitchen: 340 Bay St., 10301, (718) 802-4500. Hours: Mon., Wed., Thurs. 9AM-Noon.
- Oakwood Heights Community Church: 345 Guyon Ave., 10306, (718) 351-3667, <http://www.myohcc.org>. Hours: First and third Friday each month, 10AM-NOON.



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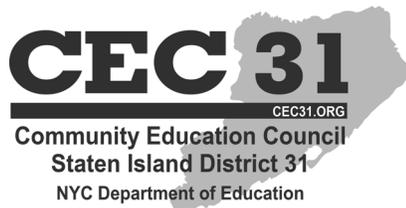
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- Our Lady of Good Counsel Church: 42 Austin Pl., 10304, (718) 447-1503. Hours: Sat. 9:30–11AM. Bring ID. New clients accepted 1st Sat. of month.
- Project Hospitality: 205 Canal St., 10304, (718) 815-0800: pantry Tue. and Thurs. 9AM to noon. 211 Canal St., 10304, (718) 815-0800: soup kitchen Tues. and Thurs. 11:30AM-1PM. 1540 Castleton Ave., 10302, (718) 815-0800: pantry 2nd and 4th Tuesdays 2:30-5:30PM.
- Reach Out & Touch Ministries: 51 Cottage Place, 10302. Emergency, 718-442-5007 to receive food. Tues. 6-8PM hot meal. Sat. pantry 10:30AM-12NOON.
- Rescue Mission/Misión Rescate: 2083 Richmond Terrace, 10302. Hours: Tues. 11AM-1PM.
- Salvation Army: 1295 Forest Ave., 10302, (718) 442-2145. Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 10AM–2PM by appointment. 15 Broad St., 10304, (718) 448-8480. Hours: Tues-Thurs. NOON-1:30PM by appointment. Serving 10304-10309 and 10312.
- St. Edward Food Pantry: 6581 Hylan Blvd., 10309, (718) 984-1625. Wednesday or Saturday by appointment.
- St. Mary's Episcopal Church: 347 Davis Ave, 10310, (718) 442-1527. Hours: First Sat., 11AM-12NOON.
- St. Paul's United Methodist Church: 7558 Amboy Rd., 10307, (718) 227-2485. Tues. 5-7PM, Thurs. 10AM-1PM by appointment.
- St. Peter & Paul/Assumption Roman Catholic Church 53 St. Marks Place, 10301, (718) 447-6362. Wed. 1-2PM
- South Shore Community Pantry: Check hours and locations on <https://www.facebook.com/groups/245318936745304>
- Stapleton UAME Church 49 Tompkins Ave., 10304, (718) 925-7205. Hours: Tues. & Fri. 10AM-1PM or by appointment; Mon. and Wed. pop-up pantry after soup kitchen.
- Staten Island Community Partnership Free Market: 155 Norway Ave., South Beach NYCHA Houses, Community Center Rm. 155, 10305, (929) 321-3151. Hours: Tues. 1-3PM with appointment, and without an appointment after 2PM. First two Tuesdays: Full pantry. Other Tuesdays: Bread and pastries.
- Staten Island Liberian Community: 180 Park Hill Ave., Suite LC, Lobby G, 10304, (646) 996-8736. Hours: Wed. 2-4PM.
- Staten Island Seventh Day Adventist Church: 80 Union Ave., 10303, (718) 442-4806. Hours: Sun. 10AM–2PM.
- Sky Light Center 307 St. Marks Place, 10301, (718) 720-2585. Hours: Tues. 2-3PM. Please bring your own bags.
- The Church That Never Closes: 239 Seguin Ave., 10309, (718) 984-7274. Community meals Sun. 12:15PM & 6:30PM, Thurs. 6:30PM.



- United Church of Praise International Ministries 32 Sands St., 10304, (718) 314-8779, (646) 229-4079. Hours: Fri. 1-3PM, Sun. 1-3PM.

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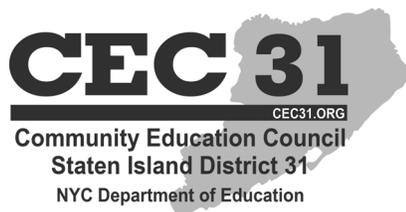
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● **911 PANIC BUTTON FOR SCHOOLS:**

- New York City is piloting a new emergency alert system that gives schools direct 911 access within 10 seconds during active-shooter situations. The nation's first program of its kind will be tested this year at 51 schools across 25 buildings.
- The system includes panic buttons and wireless lanyards for staff, triggering instant alerts to 911, NYPD School Safety, and the Education Department, along with on-site alarms and lockdown indicators. Developed by the city's Office of Technology and Innovation and SOS Technologies, it bypasses traditional 911 call routing for faster response.

● **CARING FOR CAREGIVERS:**

- Caring for Caregivers is a community workshop being offered Thursday, November 13, 2025, from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm at The Pavilion on the Terrace, in partnership with Project Hospitality and the IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program.
- This joint effort will bring together Staten Island schools, families, and community partners to support parents and caregivers in several key areas:
 - Assisting families with late tax filings including sharing information about NYC Free Tax Credits, and scheduling appointments for parents to file taxes for free.
 - Offering families valuable information on scholarships, FAFSA, and college financial readiness in partnership with the SIS.T.R.O.N.G HBCU College Tour empowering families with the knowledge and resources to help students pursue higher education.
 - Partnering with Community Health Action of Staten Island (CHASI) to provide prevention and wellness information for families.
- This initiative aligns with an ongoing effort to create pathways to academic success for Staten Island students and families. By promoting financial literacy as a cornerstone of empowerment, they aim to equip families with the tools, information, and confidence needed to support their children's educational journeys and long-term financial stability. Together, we will offer a comprehensive platform of resources—uniting financial, academic, and wellness supports to strengthen the Staten Island community.



• **Superintendent's Report**

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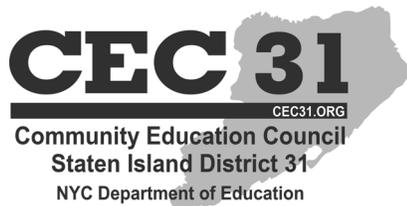
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- Welcome and Opening Remarks from Dr. Roderick Palton, Superintendent
 - Welcomed all attendees and noted a very busy and productive month across Staten Island.
 - Expressed gratitude for dedicated school staff, students, and community partners.
 - Emphasized the importance of community support and collaboration: "It takes a village."
 - Encouraged families impacted by the government shutdown to contact their school's Parent Coordinator for available resources and community partner support.
- District Highlights and Recent Events
 - Making Strides Against Cancer Walk – Midland Park
 - Strong turnout from staff, students, families, and community.
 - Participation increased compared to prior years, including kindergarten students.
 - High school bands and cheerleaders also participated.
- Focus on Students With IEPs
 - District has over 13,000 students with IEPs, and the number is increasing.
 - Strengthened leadership and partnerships:
Collaboration with District 75, now led by Acting Superintendent Dr. Keisha McCoy (following the retirement of Ketler Louissant on October 24).
 - Recent intervisitation to Riverview School (Long Island City), a Blue Ribbon District 75 school serving students primarily with autism spectrum needs.
- Principals and district teams observed best practices in IEP instruction and NYC Reads implementation.
- District Resource Fair for Families of Students With IEPs
 - Held at Borough Hall; over 200 attendees.
 - Included parent speakers, Principal Erlenwine, student Zoe, and jazz bands from IS 75 and Port Richmond High School.
Superintendent expressed admiration for the musical performances and community turnout.
- Upcoming Events and Initiatives
 - Veterans Day Celebration
 - November 7, 9:30 AM at Petrides (K–12).



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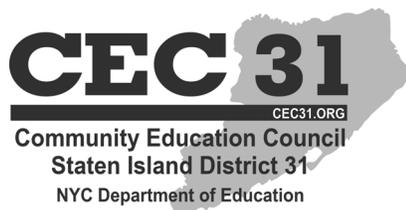
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- Organized by Mr. Cook and Mr. Kuza.
- Veterans hold significant personal meaning for the Superintendent; all are encouraged to attend.
- Additional Special Education Resource Fairs
 - December: Focus on Inclusion
 - March: Focus on Transition
 - Open to all families—not only those with IEP students.
 - Borough-Wide Family Fun Day (Spring)
 - Planning committee forming now.
 - Families, staff, and students are invited to participate.
 - Contact Lynn or Stacy for involvement; information shared in the meeting chat.
 - Goal: Create the largest family engagement event ever held on Staten Island.
- Appreciation for Parent Coordinators
 - Acknowledged for their exceptional efforts supporting families district-wide.
- Praised Lynn and Stacy for strengthened leadership and empowerment of Parent Coordinators.
- New Learning Presentation: Student Screener
 - What Are Screeners?
 - Diagnostic assessments in ELA and Math (different from state tests)
 - Provide a snapshot of student proficiency and growth needs.
 - Participation
 - Last year: ~38,000 students
 - This year: ~44,000 students
 - Data is still being aggregated and analyzed.
 - Assessment Tools
 - K–2: Acadians (ELA)
 - Grades 3–12: MAP Growth (ELA & Math)
 - Kindergarten–2nd grade also take MAP Growth Math.
 - BOY (Beginning of Year) Findings K–2 Acadians data:
 - Consistent performance over the past 5 years.
 - Approx. equal distribution between “At Benchmark” and “Above Benchmark.”
 - Orange = approaching; red = well below
 - Grades 3–12 MAP Growth Reading:
 - Stronger starting performance than past years.
 - Minimal “summer slide,” attributed to last year’s interventions and strengthened MTSS



structures.

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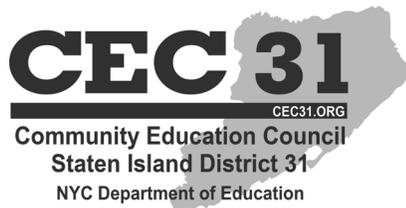
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- Grades 3–12 MAP Growth Math:
 - Slight improvements over historical trends.
 - Supports planned for students at or below the 20th percentile.
- Guidance for Upcoming Parent-Teacher Conferences
 - Parents are encouraged to ask teachers:
 1. How did my child perform on the most recent screener?
 2. What do the results reveal about strengths and areas for growth?
 3. Is my child receiving interventions based on the screener?
 4. How is progress monitored after a concern is identified?
 - Future Presentations
- Superintendent plans to bring district teams to future CEC meetings to present more deeply on MTSS, NYC Reads, NYC Solves, and Special Education works. Wished all families a Happy Veterans Day and Happy Thanksgiving. Reminded families to reach out if they need support during difficult times.

● **Committee Reports**

Joseph Bird: reported that he attended the DOE Central District-wide planning session at LaGuardia Community College with Deputy Superintendent Chavez and District Family Support Team members Lynn and Stacy. After a Chancellor-led presentation, District 31 participated in a breakout session focused on screener strategies and data-driven improvement. The group identified sparse parent participation as a major challenge—while engagement is strong around specific issues, general in-person turnout is often low. They collaboratively explored ways to increase family contact points, particularly when school-level issues need district or CEC attention. The tentative solution was to improve visual communication in school buildings—using signage to highlight the roles of school teams, district support teams, and the CEC—so parents understand available avenues for collaboration beyond the school level. The district leadership team will determine next steps.

Jimmy Desiderato: Jimmy noted that parents often struggle to understand MAP Growth reports, including percentile rankings and diagnostic language. He stated this leads to a disconnect between parents and the purpose of the screener. Parents may assume poor scores occur because students have not yet been taught the assessed material. Jimmy emphasized that screeners feel “for adults, not children,”



since they do not impact student grades. Members agreed that parents need more guidance to interpret results. Schools have discussed offering PTA/SLT workshops.

Superintendent Dr. Palton reported recent training for Parent Coordinators on understanding MAP data. He clarified that MAP is an adaptive diagnostic tool designed to inform instruction, not a graded test. Additional presentations will be scheduled to help families interpret data.

Deputy Superintendent Chavez: MAP Growth has been used for four years, but this is the first year with the highest participation, including 9th and 10th graders. MAP provides consistent K-12 progress monitoring and accountability toward district CEP goals. She will return next month to present further details.

CEC31 Council: Next Steps for MAP Communication: CEC suggested creating a simplified “cheat sheet” for families. District will explore multiple approaches, including possible support from HMH with the goal being to increase exposure, clarity, and parent confidence in understanding MAP data.

Erin Ulitto: reported that the art room at PS1 was converted into a classroom due to class-size requirements. Dr. Palton stated that specialty rooms should not be eliminated without district consultation and problem-solving. He will follow up on the PS 1 situation.

Melissa Cosentino: noted smaller schools lack space to meet class-size mandates without sacrificing specialty rooms, a systemwide issue requiring higher-level solutions.

Christine Loughlin: Schools are largely on track to meet 2025–26 class-size thresholds. This was the first year Central directly managed class-size mandates, and principals were invited to provide feedback. Application processes will be refined for next year with more nuance and earlier planning. Reduced class size is showing instructional benefits where implemented.

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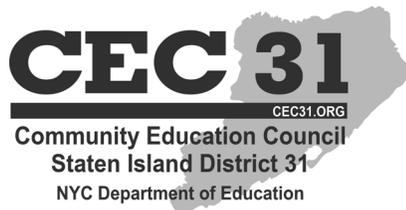
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• **Public Speaking**

• **Cheryl McMillan**

- Requested that SLT Contact Information for each school be included on our website
- invited everyone to the NAACP's 100th anniversary celebration, November 8th, at the Hill.

• **Jackie Srebrenick**

- PTA president at Eagle Academy for boys on Staten Island, and I just... we were kind of concerned, because it's a new board, and I needed to know, is the Staten Island Federation of PTA still meeting? Is there still a President's Council?
- Unfortunately, Staten Island Federation of PTAs is no longer in existence. Still have a very strong President's Council for K-8 and for high school. We have two presidents for those, and it's, if you send me your information, can you just text me directly, Jackie, and I'll share with you the information for those presidents. Melissa Paradis

• **Old Business**

None

• **New Business**

None

• **Closing Remarks**

Thanks to the wonderful district team for attending tonight. All of our wonderful district principals, our representatives from our local affected offices, our UFT partners, and FACE, we're grateful for your continued partnership and support. In the upcoming season of thanks, we are grateful to you and all of our families in this community, so we wish you a very happy early Thanksgiving. May your hearts and plates always be full this holiday season. CEC31 is always here listening and ready to help. Should you need us don't hesitate to reach out via our email at CEC31@schools.nyc.gov or at our website at www.CEC31.org Don't forget, if you haven't done so, get out there tomorrow and vote. Your voice matters. Thank you to all of our veterans for your service. Our lives and safety depend on it. We are forever grateful. Thank you so much everyone.

• **Motion to Adjourn**

Motion 1st: *Jimmy Desiderato*

Motion 2nd: *Joseph Bird*

• **Meeting Adjourned 8:35 pm**

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