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Community Education Council District 31 Resolution Calling for an Increase to the Number of School Safety Agents assigned to District 31

Approved at the March 4th 2024 CEC31 Calendar Meeting
by a roll call vote of all members present (11 in favor, 0 opposed)

WHEREAS, on October 27, 2023, the administration of Mayor Adams canceled a NYC school safety agent training class for 250 incoming agents¹ with no reason provided; and

WHEREAS, most schools within District 31, as well as within the city as a whole, are completely understaffed for security, with many schools with students numbering in the thousands having only a few safety agents for an entire building and often results in unqualified individuals such as school aides or parent coordinators being required to fill in for the safety agent as the sole source of security for a school during the safety agents' lunch or restroom breaks; and

WHEREAS, there are currently approximately 3,930 school safety agents in NYC, down roughly 1,000 compared to pre-pandemic levels; and

WHEREAS, the head of the union that covers the School Safety Agents recently stated that at least 2,000 new agents were needed to cover all schools in NYC adequately²; and

WHEREAS, Major felony crimes increased from Fiscal Year 2022 to Fiscal Year 2023 from 346 to 402 (16%), and School Safety – Other Criminal Categories decreased from Fiscal Year 2022 to Fiscal Year 2023 only marginally, from 1,758 to 1,683 (4%)³; and

¹ [NY Daily News, Mayor Adams' admin abruptly cancels class of 250 NYC school safety agents, October 27, 2023](#)

² [Weapons found in schools more than double; top NYPD brass responds | PIX11](#)

³ [Mayor's Management Report: New York City Police Department, 2023](#)

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WHEREAS, In December 2022, Community Education Council of District 31 (CEC31) overwhelmingly passed Resolution on School Safety, which cited numerous instances of safety issues within NYC public schools and called for, amongst other items:

- that CEC31 urges the Mayor and the New York City DOE to increase the number of School Safety agents assigned to Staten Island schools and the amount of agents at each school; and
- that Community Education Council 31 requests alternative methods of metrics to use to determine officer staffing levels as the current incident metric is not reflective of individual school needs;

WHEREAS, the recent rise in anti-Semitic and anti-Islamic incidents across the city has only increased safety concerns for many families within the NYC school system, and reducing security within school buildings will create even more anxiety; and

WHEREAS, the elimination of this class of school safety agents will only exacerbate these critical issues, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, CEC31 calls upon the NYPD to immediately increase the number of school safety agents assigned to District 31 as well as reinstate a new class of school safety agents and commence their training forthwith, and be it further

RESOLVED, CEC31 continues to call upon State and City Elected Officials to enact legislation that requires a minimum ratio of school safety officers towards either square foot of the respective school building or enrollment in the applicable school building, with a minimum of no less than two safety agents assigned to each school and baseline associated financial allocations to the NYPD to enable adequate staffing of District 31

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