

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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May 9, 2023  
Start: 12:17 p.m.  
Recess: 12:43 p.m.

HELD AT: 250 Broadway - Committee Room, 14th  
Floor

B E F O R E: Rita C. Joseph, Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Carmen De La Rosa  
Eric Dinowitz  
Oswald Feliz  
James F. Gennaro  
Kamillah Hanks  
Shekar Krishnan  
Linda Lee  
Farrah N. Louis  
Julie Menin  
Mercedes Narcisse  
Lincoln Restler  
Pierina Ana Sanchez  
Lynn C. Schulman  
Althea V. Stevens

2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Quiet please. Good  
3 evening and welcome to the Committee on Education.

4 Please silence all electronic devices.

5 Chair, we are ready to begin.

6 CHAIRPERSON JOSEPH: [GAVEL] Good  
7 afternoon and welcome, everyone, to today's Committee  
8 on Education's vote on four pieces of legislation.

9 Intro. 644 sponsored by Council Member  
10 Nantasha Williams, a Local Law in relation to  
11 requiring the New York City Department of Education  
12 to provide information on establishing afterschool  
13 programs.

14 Intro. 725 sponsored by Council Member  
15 Linda Lee, a Local Law in relation to requiring the  
16 Department of Education to create a website for  
17 schools to list surplus school supplies to be claimed  
18 for use by other schools.

19 Intro. 868 sponsored by Council Member  
20 Althea Stevens, a Local Law in relation to requiring  
21 the Department of Education to report on the number  
22 of District 75 students and the criteria to determine  
23 the location of District 75 schools.

24 Resolution 129 sponsored by Council  
25 Member Eric Bottcher calling upon the New York City

2 Department of Education to carry out instruction in  
3 bicycle safety in all New York City schools.

4 The Committee previously heard testimony  
5 on Intro. 644, 725, and 868 as part of a March 29th  
6 hearing on legislation and Resolution 129 at our  
7 January 25th hearing on DOE's admissions process.

8 I encourage all of my Colleagues to vote  
9 yes on this important bill as each piece of  
10 legislation hopes to ensure that students are  
11 provided with the resources and support they need to  
12 thrive.

13 If Council Member Lee is present, please  
14 make opening statements.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Thank you so much,  
16 Chair Joseph and Colleagues. This bill, Intro. 725,  
17 really came from a very grassroots level. One of our  
18 constituents who is a teacher in one of the schools  
19 in our District brought this up, and I know that,  
20 Chair Joseph, you've said yourself that there is a  
21 system that the DOE has but it doesn't work well and  
22 so hopefully this bill would create a platform that  
23 is user-friendly for DOE schools to post their  
24 surplus supplies and facilitate school-to-school  
25 exchanges so very excited about this bill and hoping

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2 that everyone is in support of it and votes yes and  
3 definitely would love to further legislation that  
4 promotes efficiency and reduces waste in the City so  
5 thank you so much.

6 CHAIRPERSON JOSEPH: Thank you, Council  
7 Member Lee. Council Member Stevens.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: I encourage all  
9 my Colleagues to vote yes on all the bills that we  
10 have here today.

11 CHAIRPERSON JOSEPH: Thank you. I would  
12 like to thank my Staff and Committee Staff, and I  
13 will now to the Clerk to call the roll.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Good  
15 afternoon. William Martin, Committee Clerk. Roll call  
16 vote Committee on Education, all items are coupled.  
17 Chair Joseph.

18 CHAIRPERSON JOSEPH: Aye on all.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Louis.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Aye on all and  
21 congratulations to all my Colleagues.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Dinowitz.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Aye on all.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: De La  
25 Rosa.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Aye on all.

3 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Hanks.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: Congratulations to  
5 all my Colleagues, Council Members Lee, Stevens, and  
6 Bottcher, and aye on all.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Krishnan.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Aye on all.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Lee.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Aye on all.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Menin.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Aye on all.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank  
14 you. Narcisse.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Can I have a  
16 second to (INAUDIBLE) I'll give my vote, but  
17 something that took place today but since we're on  
18 the Education Committee. Once you learn to read, you  
19 will be forever free, and being part of this was a  
20 great thing and since we're in Education so we have  
21 to look out for that and I thank you for everything,  
22 and I vote aye for all.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank  
24 you. Restler.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Aye on all.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Sanchez.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Aye on all and  
4 congratulations to my Colleagues.

5 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Schulman.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Aye on all.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Stevens.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Aye on all.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: By a vote  
10 of 13 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative, and no  
11 abstentions, all items have been adopted by the  
12 Committee, and the roll will be held open at request  
13 of the Chair.

14 CHAIRPERSON JOSEPH: Thank you.

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Date May 13, 2023