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New York State Federation of School Administrators Local 1 American Federation of School Administrators, AFL-CIO

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FROM: Ernest Logan, President – Council of School Supervisors and Administrators (CSA)

RE: Introduction 442 – Sponsored by Council Members Jackson, Vallone and Gonzalez, et al.

The Council of School Supervisors and Administrators (CSA) is pleased to support Introduction 442. The bill would amend the New York City Charter to require the Chancellor of the New York City Department of Education (DOE) to submit an annual report by October 31 of each year to the New York City Council related to student discipline data from the preceding year. In addition, the DOE will also submit biannual citywide reports on suspensions by October 31 and March 31 of each year.

We believe, as educators and educational administrators, that it is in the best interest of all concerned that the DOE provide the City Council a timely accounting of reported discipline infractions systemwide. This data will help the Council evaluate current policies and will facilitate an accurate analysis of the necessary funding for school safety and security.

School administrators have the Herculean task of providing a safe and educationally appropriate environment for students. School administrators must ensure that their buildings are safe for both students and staff. Unfortunately, the appropriate resources to serve our students, including special education and English Language Learners, are often too little. Schools, in this challenging economic climate, must identify tools and strategies that enhance the safety of our children, and the professionals who serve them.

This bill, if passed, would provide a more accurate and transparent snapshot of the safety issues facing our public school system. CSA is in full support of Intro. 442.

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