

CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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October 17, 2011  
Start: 10:25am  
Recess: 10:28am

HELD AT: Council Chambers  
City Hall

B E F O R E:

ROBERT JACKSON  
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Charles Barron  
Lewis A. Fidler  
Helen D. Foster  
Daniel R. Garodnick  
G. Oliver Koppell  
Jessica S. Lappin  
James Vacca  
Albert Vann  
Fernando Cabrera  
Margaret S. Chin  
Daniel Dromm  
Karen Koslowitz  
Stephen T. Levin

## A P P E A R A N C E S

## COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Deborah L. Rose  
Mark S. Weprin  
Vincent M. Ignizio  
Eric A. Ulrich  
David G. Greenfield

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2 CHAIRPERSON JACKSON: Good morning  
3 everyone. It's Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011. This  
4 is the Education Committee and we're going to be  
5 voting out proposed Intro No. 155-A and the  
6 Council will vote legislation today that would  
7 require the chancellor to report to the City  
8 Council on an annual basis, starting in November  
9 of 2013 on the usage of certain instructional and  
10 non-instructional spaces within school buildings.  
11 The report will include information on the total  
12 number of square footage of rooms used for  
13 academic intervention services, instruction in the  
14 arts and computer rooms, libraries, occupational  
15 or physical therapy school-based support teams,  
16 testing accommodations for students with  
17 disabilities, health clinics, physical fitness  
18 space and non-school organizational occupancy.  
19 The report will also indicate whether or not a  
20 room is shared by multiple schools and whether or  
21 not non-instructional space such as hallways and  
22 stairways are used for instruction. This data  
23 will now reflect utilization city-wide as well as  
24 school district as well as council district and  
25 borough-wide, so it's a comprehensive analysis as

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2 to the square footage and utilization of all of  
3 the rooms including hallways in our schools. This  
4 bill is sponsored by 36 members, including myself  
5 and with that, I understand that we're ready for a  
6 vote unless there's any questions. I recommend an  
7 aye vote on this particular matter. Thank you.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK: Kevin Pin,  
9 Committee Clerk. Roll call in the Committee on  
10 Education, Intro 155-A. Council Member Jackson?

11 CHAIRPERSON JACKSON: I vote aye.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK: Koppell?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: Aye.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK: Lappin?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: Aye.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK: Vacca?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Aye.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK: Chin?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Aye.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK: Dromm?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Aye.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK: Koslowitz?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Aye.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK: Levin?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Weprin?

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COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Greenfield?

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COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: Yes.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Ignizio?

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COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Yes, I

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want to vote aye and I want to thank the Chairman

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for sponsorship. It's important for us to know

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really what we're dealing with city-wide, and this

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is an important step. Thank you very much.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: By a vote of 11

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in the affirmative, 0 in the negative and no

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abstentions, the item has been adopted. Members,

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please sign the Committee Report.

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CHAIRPERSON JACKSON: Thank you.

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We'll hold the vote open for 20 minutes for any

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members coming down in order to vote. With that,

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after 10:50, this meeting will be adjourned.

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Thank you.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Foster?

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COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER: Yes.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: The vote stands

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Barron?

COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Fidler?

COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Yes.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Cabrera?

COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye on

all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: The vote stands at 15 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative and no abstentions.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Rose?

COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Yes.

COMMITTEE CLERK: The vote stands at 16 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative, no abstentions.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Garodnick?

COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: The final vote in the Committee on Education, 17 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative, no abstentions.

COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Thank

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you very much, and with that, this hearing and  
this meeting is adjourned. Thank you.

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Kimberley Uhlig certify that the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceedings. I further certify that I am not related to any of the parties to this action by blood or marriage, and that I am in no way interested in the outcome of this matter.

Signature

*Kimberley Uhlig*

Date \_\_\_\_\_11/3/11\_\_\_\_\_