

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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May 25, 2023
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HELD AT: COMMITTEE ROOM - CITY HALL

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Alexa Aviles
Carmen N. De La Rosa
Eric Dinowitz
Oswald Feliz
James F. Gennaro
Jennifer Gutierrez
Shahana Hanif
Kamillah Hanks
Shekar Krishnan
Linda Lee
Farrah N. Louis
Julie Menin
Lincoln Restler
Pierina Ana Sanchez
Lynn C. Schulman
Althea V. Stevens
Sandra Ung

2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: This is a sound check
3 for the Committee on Education. Today's date is May
4 25, 2023. Being recorded by Danny Huang in the
5 Committee Room.

6 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Good morning and
7 welcome to today's New York City Council hearing for
8 the Committee on Education.

9 At this time, we ask that you please
10 silence all cell phones and electronic devices to
11 minimize disruptions throughout the hearing. We thank
12 you for your cooperation.

13 Chair, we are ready to begin.

14 CHAIRPERSON JOSEPH: [GAVEL] Good morning
15 and welcome, everyone, to today's Committee on
16 Education vote on Introduction 566 sponsored by
17 Council Member Oswald Feliz related to requiring all
18 children with individualized education program to be
19 transported in buses with air conditioning.

20 The Committee previously heard testimony
21 on this bill as part of a March 29th hearing on
22 several pieces of legislation. Extreme heat during
23 the summer months can have a particularly detrimental
24 impact on physical and mental well-being of students
25 with disabilities which ultimately impacts their

2 learning. This bill would ensure that all students
3 with IEPs are provided with safe and comfortable
4 transportation to and from school in order to
5 maximize their learning potential.

6 I'd like to thank my Staff, my Committee
7 Staff, and I will now turn to the Clerk to call the
8 roll.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Good
10 morning. William Martin, Committee Clerk. Roll vote
11 Committee on Education. Proposed Introduction 566A.
12 Chair Joseph.

13 CHAIRPERSON JOSEPH: Aye.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Dinowitz.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Aye.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Aviles.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILES: Aye.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: De La

19 Rosa.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Aye.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN:

22 Gutierrez.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIERREZ: Aye.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Hanif.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Aye.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Hanks. We
3 will come back, Council Member Hanks.

4 Krishnan.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Aye. On time.

6 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Lee.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Yes, aye.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Menin.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Aye.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Restler.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Aye.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Sanchez.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Aye.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Schulman.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Aye.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Stevens.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Aye.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Ung.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Aye.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Council

21 Member Hanks.

22 CHAIRPERSON JOSEPH: We're waiting for her
23 to get on. They're having an issue with the Zoom.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: By a vote
25 of 14 in the affirmative, zero in the negative, and

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2 no abstentions, item has been adopted by the
3 Committee.

4 Council Members, please remain for a
5 moment. Thank you.

6 Continuation roll call, Committee on
7 Education. Council Member Hanks. Council Member
8 Hanks.

9 Continuation roll call. Council Member
10 Hanks.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: I'm here. I vote
12 aye.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank
14 you, Council Member Hanks.

15 Vote is now currently at 16 in the
16 affirmative and will remain open at the request of
17 the Chair.

18 CHAIRPERSON JOSEPH: I'd like to take the
19 quick moment to recognize (INAUDIBLE) who's with us
20 today. Welcome to City Hall and I hope you have an
21 amazing day.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN:
23 Continuation roll call, Committee on Education.
24 Council Member Gennaro.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Aye.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Vote is
3 currently at 17 in the affirmative, and roll will
4 remain open.

5 Continuation roll call, Committee on
6 Education. Council Member Louis.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Aye on all.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Final
9 vote now Committee on Education Proposed Introduction
10 566A is adopted, 18 in the affirmative, zero in the
11 negative, and no abstentions.

12 CHAIRPERSON JOSEPH: This Committee ends.

13 [GAVEL]

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Date May 31, 2023