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A Local Law in relation to requiring the department of education to conduct a study on school murals

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Study on school murals. a. Definitions. For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

City. The term “city” means the city of New York.

Community. The term “community” means the students and families of students who attend the relevant school and residents of the community school district in which the school is located.

Department. The term “department” means the department of education.

Mural. The term “mural” means any painting or work of art executed directly on a wall or ceiling surface.

b. Study and report. The department shall conduct a study regarding murals found on school grounds within the city and assess whether such murals are sensitive or relevant to the school’s community. Such study shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. A list of schools in the city where murals are currently found;
2. A description of the content of each mural by school; and
3. An assessment of whether each mural is sensitive or relevant to the community, including input gathered from the community and other relevant stakeholders which may include, but need not be limited to, school faculty and local community organizations.

c. Report required. Within 18 months of the effective date of this local law, the department shall submit to the mayor and the speaker of the council a report summarizing the findings of the study required by subdivision b of this section and related recommendations, and shall post such report on the website of the department.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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