



Legislation Text

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Resolution calling upon the Mayor of the City of New York and the Chancellor of the New York City Department of Education to expand the use of the community learning schools model.

By Council Member Treyger

Whereas, Non-academic factors such as where students live, family instability, poverty, homelessness, and inadequate access to health care negatively impact student achievement; and

Whereas, One out of five children in New York City depends on emergency food for their next meal; and

Whereas, More than 22,000 children in New York City sleep in homeless shelters each night; and

Whereas, In 2015, more than 28% of children in New York City lived below the federal poverty line; and

Whereas, The community learning schools model acknowledges the influence of these factors on a child's academic achievement; and

Whereas, The model was created in collaboration between the United Federation of Teachers, the New York City Council, the Partnership of New York City, and Trinity Wall Street; and

Whereas, The community learning schools model partners public schools and service organizations to support the academic, social service, and health needs of school children, their families and communities; and

Whereas, As of December 2017, there are 29 community learning schools across the five boroughs of which there are high schools, middle schools, and elementary schools; and

Whereas, Community learning schools are a type of community school; and

Whereas, Studies have shown that community schools can increase student attendance and scores in

math and reading; and

Whereas, Studies in the United States by the Bright Research Group, Economic Modeling Specialists, and The Finance Project show that for each dollar spent on community schools, there are greater returns to society; and

Whereas, One such study in New York City found a social return on investment of \$10.30 per dollar of investment at PS 5 Ellen Lurie Elementary School and \$14.30 at the Salomé Ureña campus; now therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York calls upon the Mayor of the City of New York and the Chancellor of the New York City Department of Education to expand the use of the community learning schools model.

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