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Res. No. 446

Resolution calling upon the New York State Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign, S.7280/A.8194, establishing the citywide leadership team.

By Council Members Joseph, Louis, Richardson Jordan, Barron and Stevens

Whereas, The purpose of school-based planning and shared decision-making is to improve the educational performance of all students, regardless of such factors as socioeconomic status, race, sex, language background, or disability; and

Whereas, School-based planning and shared decision-making is based on the premise that better decisions are made when people functioning closest to implementation participate in making the decision; and

Whereas, section 2590-h of the New York Education Law requires every public school in the city of New York to have a School Leadership Team (SLT) comprised of the principal, parent association president, teachers union representatives, parents, and staff members that develops an annual school comprehensive educational plan and consults on the school-based budget; and

Whereas, Section 100.11 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education (section 100.11) directs each community school district to develop a plan for the participation of parents, teachers, and administrators in school-based planning and shared decision-making; and

Whereas, In the City of New York, District Leadership Teams (DLTs) consisting of parent, teacher, and administrator representatives from elementary, middle, and high schools geographically located within each community school district fulfill the section 100.11 requirements regarding the district-level plan for the participation of parents and staff in school-based planning and shared decision-making; and

Whereas, Chancellor's Regulation A-655 (CR A-655) establishes guidelines regarding the formation

and operations of SLTs in every New York City public school and DLTs in every community school district; and

Whereas, There is no vehicle for the participation of parents, students, and other educational stakeholders in shared decision-making at the citywide level; and

Whereas, S.7280, introduced by State Senator James Sanders Jr. and pending in the New York State Senate, and companion bill A.8194, introduced by Assembly Member Khalil Anderson and pending in the New York State Assembly, would establish the citywide leadership team to ensure that parents' voices are represented in all education decision-making, ensure education policies considered or implemented are conducive to promoting student achievement and enhancing the overall quality of education for students attending public schools in the city of New York, and include all stakeholders at all stages of the decisionmaking process; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York calls upon the New York State Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign, S.7280/A.8194, establishing the citywide leadership team.

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