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COMMUNITY DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCILS (CDEC)

There are 32 Community District Education Councils (CDEC), one for each NYC school district that help shape educational policies and priorities in their district. They serve as a vehicle for parent involvement on the district level and, in collaboration with the community superintendent, focus on issues that face their school populations.

CDEC members are parent volunteers. Each Council has 11 members:

- 9 members must be parents k-8 students. 1 of the 9 must be a parent of and ELL and 1 must be the parent of an IEP student.
- 2 members are appointed by the Borough President.
- There is also 1 non-voting high school student member. The student member must be a senior in high school, reside in the district and Be a member of the elected student government or hold an elected leadership position (e.g., president of a club).

RESPONSIBILITIES

Community District Education Councils are charged with promoting student achievement, advising and commenting on educational policies and providing input to the chancellor and panel for educational Policy on matters that concern the district. The powers and duties are detailed in NYS Education Law §2590-e.

- Approving zoning lines, as submitted by the superintendent;
- Reviewing the district's educational programs and assessing their effect on student achievement;
- Submitting an annual evaluation of the superintendent to the Chancellor, and consulting on the selection of the community superintendent;
- Serving as liaisons to School Leadership Teams and providing assistance;
- Holding public hearings on the district's annual capacity plans and submitting to the chancellor a CEC-approved plan based on enrollment/utilization data for each school in the district;
- Holding joint public hearings with the chancellor (or designee) for any proposed school closing or significant change in school utilization.

BECOMING A MEMBER

CDECs are constituted every two years (in odd years) according to rules set by state law. The three mandatory officers (president, treasurer, recording secretary) of PA/PTAs vote for the parent members as part of the state-mandated selection process. The Borough Presidents will select their appointees during the election process. The selected candidates and appointed members then serve a two-year term than begins on July 1st of the selection year.

More information is available on the NYC Department of Education website:
http://schools.nyc.gov/Offices/CEC/default.htm

Or you can contact CDEC30 at 718-391-8380, cec30@schools.nyc.gov