

COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL DISTRICT 28
Minutes Town Hall Meeting with the Chancellor of
[February 4th, 2021]

ATTENDANCE

Member	Position	Attendance
Vijah Ramjattan	President	Present
Barbara Williams- IEP	1st Vice President	Present
Elena Aminova	2 nd Vice President	Present
Erika Cooper	Recording Secretary	Present
Andy Medas-King	Treasurer	Present
Micah Morrison	Member	Present
Ted Chang	Member	Present
Robert Tamayev	Member	Present
Howard Pollack - BPA	Member	Present
Rajwinder Kaur - BPA	Member	Present

Non-Member Attendance

Richard A. Carranza	Chancellor	Present
Dr. Mauriciere DeGovia	Executive Superintendent	Present
Dr. Tammy Pate	D28 Superintendent	Present
Bibi Matadin	FACE Liaison	Present

SPECIAL MEETING

Meeting was called to order by [Vijah Ramjattan] at [6:00pm].

Parents of students in District 28 submitted all questions for the Chancellor, Executive Superintendent, and D28 Superintendent. Parent questions can be found [here](#).

Guest Speakers/Special Guests

[Richard A. Carranza – Chancellor]

Highlights:

- *COVID Testing* – all buildings that are open, has 20% of students and staff randomly selected for testing. Testing is conducted once per month to once per week and is free of charge. Has to be a city site in order to qualify.
- *COVID Vaccine Availability* – working closely with the federal government to receive more vaccines. Has received assurances that this is happening.
- *Parent University* – courses, live events and activities now available for parents to learn more about remote learning, technology, etc. Parents can sign up using their NYCSA account. To participate please click [here](#).
- *G&T Program* – currently being worked on with experts to see what the process will look like this year. DOE plans to start an engagement process with families; next steps will be communicated.
- *Summer School 2021 Plans & Reopening* – plans for reopening have to take into account variant mutations of the COVID virus. Commitment to an official plan cannot be made due to inability to predict future strains and vaccination availability. Summer school plans for 12 month IEP students will be rolled out in the Spring, with planning discussions forthcoming.
- *Diversity Plan* – COVID taking priority at this time. WXY contract is currently paused. Once safe, an integrated plan will be put in place while utilizing many different ways to ensure all voices are heard. This includes but is not limited to, school-based and district-wide meetings to respond to all community needs.

- *Academic Tracking Systems (ie: Honor Programs)* – decided by individual schools. Currently, the DOE has not made any system wide decisions. Parents are encouraged to be in communication with their schools and communities to ensure these conversations are happening.
- *In-Person or Remote Learning?* – while remote learning is no substitute for in-person learning, the DOE is continuing to make remote learning a better experience and give teachers more support.
- *Support for ENL and IEP Students* – these students are on the forefront of planning to have an even better summer program for the summer. Primary issue in planning is funding, as the DOE has received less funds.
- *Equity for All Students (Students in Temporary Housing)* – approximately 500,000 iPads have been distributed to students in shelters. Additionally, the DOE is working with city agencies to start installing wifi in all shelters. About 26 NYC shelters have been equipped with wifi service.
- *Sibling Priority for Admissions* – all screens have been removed with sibling priority being implemented. Being handled at the district level in order to work out how that is going to look in the admissions process.

[Dr. Mauriciere DeGovia - Executive Superintendent & Dr. Tammy Pate – D28 Superintendent]

Highlights:

- *Devices for Students* – devices are still being delivered. 55% of families applied and 42% have been completed. At this time, they are a little over 6,000 devices short.
- *After-School Program* – currently looking at social distancing and safety issues. Will be assessed throughout the school year to see if conditions are more stable. At this time, there is no definitive date.
- *Proper Channels for Parents to Address Concerns* – for school based concerns; parents should reach out to the Principal. For issues beyond that, parents can contact their CEC and/or Parent Coordinator to escalate the issue to the Superintendent. If additional authority is needed, the Executive Superintendent will be notified.
- *Overcrowding Issue with PS 196* – conversation has been made with district planning. Important note in PEP document admissions structure will be reconsidered once PS 196 can meet capacity. Agreed that they will reopen seats in overflow.

Meeting Adjourned at [8:10pm]

Respectfully Submitted by

Erika Cooper
Recording Secretary