

Election of Parent Representative on the Panel for Educational Policy

Background

- In 2019, the NYS Education Law was amended to allow Community Education Council (CEC) presidents to elect one member to the Panel for Educational Policy (PEP) beginning in 2020 and every two years thereafter.
- Bills to extend voting eligibility to the presidents of the citywide councils are pending in the NYS legislature. However, until such bills become law, the DOE does not have the power to issue regulations expanding the election process beyond CEC presidents.
- Chancellor's Regulation D-200 establishes the process and timeline for the election of the PEP Parent Member, and requires FACE to issue implementing procedures.

Timeline

- The election will take place in May 2022, for a term that will begin on July 1, 2022 and end on June 30, 2024.
- The Nominating Committee must be formed by March 31, 2022.
- The application period for parents interested in serving as the PEP Parent Member will remain open until April 30, 2022.
- The Nominating Committee will select at least 3 finalists by May 15, 2022.
- Voting by the CEC Presidents will take place in the last week of May.
- Runoff elections will take place in the event no candidate receives at least 50% of the votes cast.

Nominating Committee

- Per CR D-200, two CEC Presidents each from Brooklyn, the Bronx, Manhattan and Queens, together with the CEC 31 President and one other officer, will constitute the 10-member Nominating Committee.
- Each CEC President will vote for 2 CEC Presidents from their borough to serve on the Nominating Committee (all CEC 31 members will vote for the additional Staten Island member).

Application Process for Candidates

- Any parent of a student in grades pre-K through 12 in a non-charter public school in New York City is eligible to apply for the position of PEP Parent Member.
- Candidates will obtain a PEP Parent Member Application from FACE and submit a completed application to FACE by April 30, 2022.
- FACE will verify the eligibility of each applicant and will forward the verified applications to the Nominating Committee on or before May 1, 2022.
- FACE shall have no input in the selection of candidates beyond verifying their eligibility to serve.

- Eligibility is determined based on the status of the applicant on the closing date of the application period (April 30, 2022). Once elected, the PEP Parent Member will be allowed to serve out the 2-year term even if the child no longer attends an NYC public school.

Selection of Finalists and Election

- The Nominating Committee will review and screen the applications received from FACE and may conduct candidate interviews.
- The Nominating Committee is solely responsible for developing criteria and procedures to evaluate candidates and select a minimum of 3 finalists to be forwarded to FACE by May 15, 2022.
- The 32 CEC presidents will vote on the finalists in the last week of May; that election will be managed by FACE.
- CEC presidents are encouraged to consult with their council members before voting on the candidates.
- CEC Presidents will vote by ranking the candidates in order of preference (ranked-choice voting); the winner must receive at least 50% of the votes cast.

Authority

NYS Education Law Title 2, Article 52-A, Section 2590-B:

(B) Commencing on July first, two thousand twenty, the board of education shall consist of fifteen members: one member to be appointed by each borough president of the city of New York, one member to be elected by community district education council presidents, and nine members to be appointed by the mayor of the city of New York.

On or before December thirty-first, two thousand nineteen, the chancellor shall promulgate regulations establishing a process for community district education council presidents to elect a member of the board, and processes for removal of such member and for the filling of such position in the event of a vacancy. The first member elected by community district education council presidents pursuant to such regulations shall take office on July first, two thousand twenty and shall serve a term that ends on June thirtieth, two thousand twenty-two. Thereafter, the member elected by community district education council presidents shall serve for a two-year term commencing on July first.

Chancellor's Regulation D-200

<https://www.schools.nyc.gov/docs/default-source/default-document-library/d-200-composition-and-selection-of-members-of-the-new-york-city-board-of-education>