



Dear CEC 28,

Thank you for your resolution proposing improvements in the co-location process for District 75 schools. As you likely know, New York City Public Schools has made opening new District 75 locations in our buildings across the city a priority over the past several years, as part of our greater mission to ensure better, easier access to specialized services for families in all neighborhoods in New York City. As we enter the 25-26 school year, we will continue to emphasize for all our schools and school leaders the importance of positive and supportive relationships in our co-located buildings, especially when the co-location includes a District 75 community.

For this reason, our Campus Governance team met this summer with representatives from the Division of Inclusive and Accessible Learning (DIAL), along with representatives from CC75, to discuss this issue. Here are some actions that came out of that meeting and our ongoing collaboration:

- We are currently working with the D75 Superintendent to schedule specialized training sessions specifically for D75 principals, focused on Building Council expectations, best practices, and effective leadership models.
- Our summer training for all co-located principals included a dedicated focus on D-75 co-location dynamics, where we emphasized the importance of collaborative decision-making, culture building, and inclusion.
- The newly completed *Co-Location Handbook*, Edition 5, includes a dedicated section on District 75 co-locations (see page 77) and features a write-up of a model D75 co-location in Appendix R. Both resources offer best practices and highlight key considerations for this unique community. We are enhancing student experiences through our partnership with DIAL by focusing on the development and installation of sensory rooms in D75 co-located spaces.

I wanted to ensure you also were aware of some important resources we have available related to this topic. First, information about our campus governance webpage, which includes a host of resources related to co-location, is available here:

<https://www.schools.nyc.gov/school-life/space-and-facilities/campus-governance>.

Second, one of our most important campus governance resources is our Co-Location Handbook. This handbook is regularly updated and contains extensive information

about the rules and expectations around co-location:

<https://infohub.nyced.org/docs/default-source/default-document-library/co-location-handbook.pdf>. The handbook has a specific section devoted to District 75 co-locations, available on page 77.

Thanks,

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