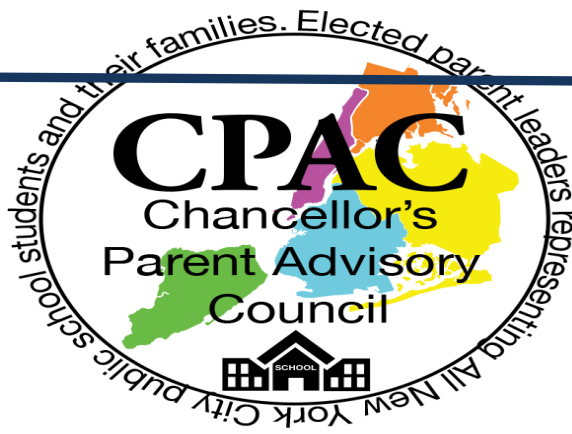


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Chancellor Meisha Ross Porter
Department of Education
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52 Chambers Street
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Dear Chancellor Porter,

We are formally writing to you again to express the Chancellor's Parent Advisory Council's stance on the "Citywide Leadership Team" (CLT). CPAC has repeatedly expressed that we are not supporting the proposed Citywide Leadership Team Structure at this time. We should be focused on improving and enhancing our existing parent structures (School Leadership Teams, District Leadership Teams, PA/PTAs, Presidents' Councils, CCECs and Citywide Councils). The belief of more oversight without accountability is folly. Increasing the number of meetings which stakeholders need to attend is not the solution but adding an unnecessary burden to all constituencies involved.

Since the A-655 explains that the Chancellor appoints individuals to combine the 32 District Comprehensive Education Plans on the DCEP, a CLT would be less inclusive and more exclusive which would create more of a divide. The 32 District Leadership Teams already represent the collaboration among the various stakeholders on each team and is a true representation of NYC.

More importantly, CPAC would like to concentrate on the immediate needs and concerns that our families and communities are facing right now and ensuring they receive adequate resources and support due to the pandemic.

We would also like to focus our attention on:

1. Advising the Chancellor and representing all NYC public school students and their families.
2. How funds are being used and is it in an equitable manner for all students?
3. Health and Safety/Transportation
4. Social Emotional and Mental Health
5. All IEP students receiving their mandated services
6. Multilingual access for all.
7. Brilliant NYC
8. Class Size Matters

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9. The new year and new administration
10. Collaborating on policy changes and parent advocacy

In conclusion, if we have a Chancellor that truly believes in parent engagement and empowerment, CPACs decision would be respected as we advise the DOE Chancellor to send a notice out across the city to state that the Citywide Leadership Team does not exist and there is no plan to create another structure within the DOE. We look forward to our continue partnership and collaboration.

Regards,
The Chancellor's Parent Advisory Council

Cc: First Deputy Chancellor Donald Conyers, Deputy Chancellor of Early Education and Enrollment Josh Wallack, Chief Strategy Officer Edie Sharp, Deputy Chancellor Adrienne Austin, Chief Academic Officer Linda Chen, Deputy Chancellor of School Planning and Development Karin Goldmark, Senior Deputy Chancellor, Marisol Rosales, Security Director Mark Rampersant, CCECs, ECC, Presidents' Councils, PA/PTAs, UFT President Michael Mulgrew, CSA President Mark Cannizzaro, DC 37 President Shaun D. Francois, NYC Mayor Bill de Blasio, NYC Mayor Elect Eric Adams, NYC Elected Officials, NYS Governor Kathy Hochul, NYSED Chancellor Betty Ross, NYSED Board of Regents Chancellor Lester W. Young, Jr., Nan Eileen Mead, NYS Elected Officials, and National Action Network (NAN).


For those who do not know about the Chancellor's Parent Advisory Council (CPAC), below is summary of who we are and what we do.



The Chancellor's Parent Advisory Council(CPAC)

CPAC's Membership/Representation

- ❖ CPAC's membership consists of the president of each Presidents' Council in the city(5 boroughs), all 32 school districts, District 75 Council and High School Borough Presidents Councils/Federations. As with Presidents' Councils direct participation in CPAC is limited to its members only, but meetings are open to the public.
- ❖ CPAC consults with District Presidents Councils to identify concerns, trends and policy issues and advising the Chancellor to help shape DOE policy.
- ❖ Just like PAs & PTAs and Presidents Council, CPAC has an Executive Board and is governed by Bylaws. We have a number of Standing Committees such as : the Bilingual/English Language Learners(ELL), Special Education, Title 1, Legislative/Lobby Day/CPAC Position, Capacity Building & Support, Communications, High School, Alumni & the Wellness(Health & Safety)Committee.



The Chancellor's Parent Advisory Council(CPAC)

CPAC's purpose and existence is to:

- a) Advise the Chancellor based on input from our members on policies and initiatives of the Department of Education that our constituent bodies and New York City(NYC) public school students
- b) Inform our constituents bodies about matters affecting the education and welfare of NYC public school students, based on input from our members.
- c) To take an active role in the decision-making process concerning the education and welfare of the NYC public school students.
- d) To assist and support our constituent bodies in raising the awareness and participation of parents in the education of their children.
- e) To assist and support our constituents in recruiting and training parents to be involved in district and school governance. Developing and assist in the training of CPAC members.