



ECC & CPAC's CLT Letter to Adrienne Austin

Adrienne Austin
Deputy Chancellor
NYC Department of Education
52 Chambers Street
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Dear Deputy Chancellor Austin,

It has come to our attention that Dr. Jackie Cody has been promoting the idea of a "Central Leadership Team (CLT)," and has misrepresented the position of the bodies represented in this letter in the process. We write to inform you that collectively, both the Chancellor's Parent Advisory Council and the Education Council Consortium have thoroughly considered this idea, and each time, over years of deliberation, have rejected it outright.

Dr. Cody first began promoting the proposal with the Chancellor's Parent Advisory Council (CPAC) during the 2018 - 2019 school year under Co-Chairs Sheree Gibson and Celia Green, and it was rejected. Again in the school year 2019 - 2020, Dr. Cody presented her proposal to the new CPAC Executive Board who rejected it. Then, in 2020, during a Special Meeting, it was again rejected by a vote of the body of CPAC's Voting Members.

Dr. Cody presented her CLT proposal to the ECC in 2019. A vote was taken after discussions that took place over multiple meetings, and the ECC's members rejected it by an official vote in 2019. ECC members believe that creating yet another layer of governance is not only unnecessary but potentially counterproductive. The ECC does see value in bringing together stakeholders across all organizations and city agencies, but doing so does not require a separate organizational body. This can be accomplished by an annual conference that brings together city agencies, unions, Panel for Educational

Policy members, Chancellor's Parent Advisory Council, and Education Council Consortium with specific and clearly articulated goals and outcomes.

The Co-chairs of the ECC have also been in communication with the Office of the Public Advocate to clarify the ECC's and CPAC's position on the CLT proposal.

Please do not hesitate to contact any one of us if you'd like to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely,

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