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April 20, 2023

Chancellor David Banks Department of Education Tweed Courthouse 52 Chambers Street New York, New York 10007

RE: Supporting CCHS Resolution to Provide Summer Resources to High School Students to Improve Achievement and College Readiness

Dear Chancellor Banks,

We would like to lend our support to CCHS Resolution 2022-2023-7 to provide summer resources to high school students to improve achievement and college readiness, which was unanimously approved at the April 4, 2023 CCHS meeting. We are attaching it in its entirety.

With great appreciation,

The Chancellor's Parent Advisory Council

Approved by the membership at its April 20, 2023 meeting

Cc: First Deputy Chancellor Daniel Weisberg, Deputy Chancellor of Teaching and Learning Carolyne Quintana



Citywide Council on High Schools

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Resolution No. 2022-2023-07

Resolution to Provide Summer Resources to High School Students to Improve Achievement and College Readiness

Co-Sponsors: S. Atteberry, K. Bo, E. Garcia, D. Kross, K. Mark, V. Pisarevskiy, A. O'Shea, A. Torres, K. Wang

WHEREAS, the New York State Comptroller's office conducted an audit of graduation rates and college readiness in October 2022¹ which found that of the cohort that was expected to graduate in 2019,

- (i) Nearly one-in-four (23%) did not graduate by their expected high school graduation date; and
- (ii) Of the 71,210 students in the sample, 63% graduated and enrolled in college.
 However, 38% (23,314) of those students did not stay in college for at least six months.

WHEREAS, the pandemic likely exacerbated these measures of achievement and college readiness;

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https://www.osc.state.ny.us/press/releases/2022/10/dinapoli-nyc-department-education-not-doing-enough-prepa re-students-higher-education

WHEREAS, NYC Schools has made standardizing a literacy and algebra curriculum for K-8 a priority, while curriculum decisions for high school students remains on a school-by-school basis or left to the District Superintendents;

WHEREAS, NYC Schools has devoted resources for K-8 students with programs like Summer Rising but has left enrichment at the high school level to be administered on a school-by-school basis and subject to those budgetary and administrative constraints;

WHEREAS, Mayor Eric Adams expanded the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) in 2022 to 100,000 seats, an increase of 33% versus the 75,000 seats in 2021, however many students that needed summer enrichment courses had to choose between work-based learning or enrichment;

WHEREAS, children are increasingly the victims of crime - one in ten shooting victims in NYC were under the age of 18 in 2022²;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Citywide Council on High Schools demands that more resources be devoted to our all-high school students (including multilanguage learners and students with IEPs) to ensure that they receive the supports needed to graduate with the skills to succeed in their chosen paths after high school; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the CCHS requests that NYC Schools provides all HS administrators with iReady, MapGrowth, or other independent academic assessment results for the incoming 9th grade students prior to the summer break and as soon as possible in order for schools to prepare resources to address the needs or the incoming class; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the CCHS requests that NYC Schools coordinate interventions for learning loss at the high school level on a systemwide basis; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the CCHS requests that NYC Schools specifically and directly allocate funds for summer programming for academic enrichment and supports to its high schools similar to what it has done for K-8 with Summer Rising; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the CCHS requests that NYC Schools fund a summer bridge program for rising 9th graders to prepare them for the high school experience; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the CCHS requests that SYEP and other career readiness programs include a robust academic component to ensure that students who require summer enrichment or support will receive it; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the CCHS requests that NYC Schools offer non-academic programming, including making high school gymnasiums and functioning pools available to students over the summer.

² <u>https://nypost.com/2022/12/29/suffer-the-children-more-teens-in-the-line-of-fire-as-big-apple-shootings-spike/</u>

This resolution was adopted by roll call vote of the Citywide Council on High Schools on April 4, 2023, by a vote of 10-0.

VOTING RECORD

Selina Rochelle Atteberry – Yes Yingkan 'Kenneth' Bo - Yes Elaine Garcia – Yes Deborah Kross – Yes Ted Leather – Not Present Kin Mark – Yes Alysa O'Shea – Yes Victoria Pisarveskiy – Yes Lisa Stowe – Yes Anibal Torres – Yes Karen Wang – Yes