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CPAC Virtual Monthly MEETING

November 14, 2024

Meeting was held via zoom and live streamed on CPAC Youtube Channel

Call to order:

Meeting started at 9:38 am

Present: All EB members (Refer to the Attendance done by Randi for others who joined)

Roll call - Districts/Boroughs in attendance:

D01, D02, D03, D08, D17, D20, D21, D22, D25, D26, D29, D30, D32, Brooklyn PC, Bronx PC, Manhattan HS, Queens HS, and Staten Island.

- CPAC Protocols and Regulations done by Rosa
- Rosa Congratulates new EB members and Welcomes all who have joined the call ● Roll Call of Districts present done by Randi
- Rosa shares CPAC business and updates for EB and General meetings as well as quick review of the agenda
- Presentation by Office of Supervisors of School Psychologists (Division of Inclusive and Accessible Learning)

Presenters:

- Lauren Sullivan (Director of Evaluations and Eligibility)

- Arwina Vallejo (Executive Director of School based Evaluation and Family Engagement

Agenda and Discussion

- **Role of the school-based support team**
 - **The special education process**
 - **Assessments to create a comprehensive learner profile**
 - **New for 2024: Digital Assessments Library for Schools**
 - **The role of the parent during the evaluation process**
 - **Connecting evaluation results to recommendations**
 - **The continuum of services shared and organized by restrictiveness of service - Continuum guiding principles**
 - **Needs may be met by interventions and adaptations to the general education setting**
- 1) **Schools match individual students with the teaching practices and level of support that work best for them.**
 - 2) **While you may make a referral for a special education evaluation at any time, public schools can implement interventions before making a referral. - Reflection on current or proposed services: How to plan for the IEP meeting - For More Information (To make a referral)**
 - 1) **Students in Public Schools: Mail, fax, email, or give the written referral to the principal or another staff member in the school**
 - 2) **Students in Private, Religious, Charter Schools, or students not enrolled in school: Mail, fax, or give the referral letter to your local CSE**

- **Presentation by Division of Inclusive & Accessible Learning from Special Education Office (MDR - Manifestation Determination Review)**

Presenter:

Andie Corso (Senior Exec. Director of Special Education School Support) Discussion:

- **MDR- Primary Resources**

1) **Chancellor's Regulations A-443**

2) **Citywide Behavioral Expectations Grades K-5**

3) **Citywide Behavioral Expectations 6-12**

4) **Special Education Standard Operating Procedures Manual (SOPM) 5) MDR Worksheet**

1) **What is the rubric for teacher removal, principal, suspension, and superintendent suspension for IEP student with behavior issues?**

References: Chancellor's Regulations A-443 and SOPM

2) **What support is given to students who have been given a superintendent suspension to ensure that instructional time is not interrupted?**

References: SOPM and Citywide Behavior Expectations

3) **What supports are given to the child before being suspended?**

References: Citywide Behavioral Expectations to Support Student Learning Grades K-5 and 6-12 and SOPM

4) **Can children be suspended for the same reason? What supports are given to the child to prevent the occurrence from happening again?**

References: Citywide Behavioral Expectations and SOPM

● **Presentation by Office of Food and Nutrition Services**

Presenters:

Nelson Quiles

Nicole Bonica

- **There are approximately 36 different menus in schools**
- **Around 515 various recipes**
- **Over one million students who eat school lunch**
- **Over 1,050 meals served per day to students**
- **Standards held by: NYC Food Standards, FDA, and Internal Standards - Food that is served has no preservatives, low sodium, contains whole grains, and around 7 grams of sugar**
- **Vegan options were changed to plant based options**
- **Students can go to the headquarters to taste test new meals (have school administration reach out to their school food service manager on site to then schedule a class to visit the OFNS HQ)**
- **There is a "Plastic Free Lunch Day"**
- **Families must provide a doctors note to their child's school for an alternate meal to be served (ex. Soy milk or religious accomodations)**
- **Halal food must be requested and has a bit over 500 Halal options - Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays have an option of tuna sandwiches on the other days cheese sandwiches are available**
- **Several enhancements are being made in the school cafeterias**
- **Any more questions email Nelson at nquiles@schools.nyc.gov**

● **Speaker for FACE Updates:**

Dr. Cristina Melendez FACE Executive Director

- **Murray Bergtrum Fair**
- **NYC Reads Ambassador**
- **Listening Town Halls with the 5 boroughs**
- **January CCEC Working Group (share campaigning, ideas, and more) - CEC25 meeting on November 18th at JH185**
- **CEC21 meeting on December 5th at 2630 Benson Ave (Randi's District) - Literacy Advisor needs help and support**

● **My Commitment to You by Chancellor Melissa Aviles-Ramos**

- **Welcomed and congratulated new CPAC EB Members**
- 1) Ensuring Safety and Promoting Wellness**
- 2) Strengthening Comprehensive Teacher Supports**
- 3) Fostering Genuine and Impactful Family and Community Partnerships - Growing a more open space for parents**
- **Spoke on family empowerment**
- **Let's Work Together! Borough Listening Tour with Chancellor Melissa Aviles-Ramos**

- 1) Calling all students, families, educators, and community members**
- 2) Share your thoughts and concerns about education in your borough**
- 3) RSVP: on.nyc.gov/ChancellorListeningTour**

- Commitments

- 1) NYC Reads - implementation/tweak in some areas, helps create a community approach in education**
 - 2) Create more shoulder to shoulder learning experiences tool/resources for teachers by providing more support**
 - 3) Coordinate everyone to work together and took inventory and pulled goals together to resolve any issues**
- New Deputy Chancellor awaiting the process to be completed and CPAC will be the first to know**
 - Expressed she is available to meet with CPAC in person and virtually to provide more help and support**

October minutes were tabled for next meeting.

QHS - Motion to adjourn the meeting.

D20 - Second the motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 pm