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## CPAC General Meeting

January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025

## January 2025 Minutes

Call to Order:

Meeting: Started at 9:38 am

Present: All EB members

CPAC Chair Rosa begins with sharing the CPAC EB Members for School Year 2024 - 2025

CPAC Procedures and Standing Rules done by Rosa Diaz

CPAC Rules Summary done by Ericka Newsome

Presidents Council Current Members (Present) Roll Call done by 1<sup>st</sup> Vicechair Randi Garay:

D1, D2, D3, D7, D8, D9, D12, D14, D18, D20, D21, D22, D24, D25, D26, D29, D30, D31,  
BKHS, MHS, QHS, SIHS

Rosa:

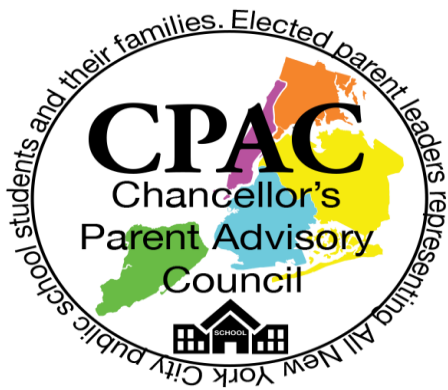
Shared a gentle reminder of CPAC bylaws: Removal of Members

Congratulations to Dr. Cristina Melendez on becoming the new Deputy Chancellor

Shares the agenda for the January meeting and going over presentations

CPAC Calendar for Executive Board meetings and General meetings

Any suggested topics for upcoming General meetings please send to Executive Board Members via email which is provided on the CPAC website



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Shared a breakdown of CPAC Committee Chairperson

Next meeting

First Presentation

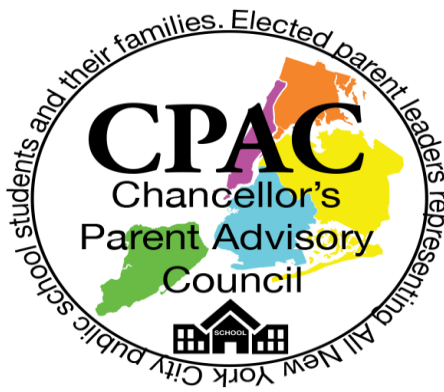
Youthful Savings by Somya R. Munjal

- 41% Large Global Youth Population
- 3.3 Billion Young People
- Give access to the economic system at a age with character development
- Tech-Powered Learning Ecosystem
- 85% increase in business, finance, and tech skills
- 98% recommend youthful savings to other youth
- The learning marketplace youth education
- Youth entrepreneurship
- Youthful savings foundation community investment fund
- Hire youth AI internships and work opportunity
- Youthful savings
- The better he Youth, the better the world
- The future will be brighter

Second Presentation

Uplifting Parent Empowerment and Voice by Assembly Member Khaleel M. Anderson

- 31st Assembly in Southeast Queens
- Give parents an opportunity to be a voice and shared decision making together
- Make sure to have parent leaders understand the roles they can take on
- PTA and SLT should be empowered and transparent



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## Third Presentation

Unleash the Knowledge by District 21 FLC Georgette Pezzolanti

PA/ PTA Elections, Forming a Nominating Committee, and Q & A

- Share different ideas of how to create ballot for PTA elections
- District 21 starts the PTA election process as early as January
- Utilizes PTA dates website to hold parents accountable with the school bylaws and helps them get acquainted with said by laws
- During PTA elections sometimes there are games offered for families to keep them involved
- Early childhood parents are more eager to join on the PTA

## Fourth Presentation

Office of Student Enrollment by Dejaunique Thomas and Elyse Santiago

Elementary Admissions Fall 2025

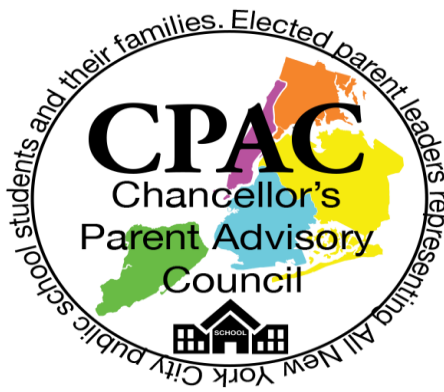
## Elementary Education in NYC

The three elementary admission processes are:

- 3-K: children born in 2022 are eligible
- Pre-K: children born in 2021 are eligible
- Kindergarten: children born in 2020 are eligible

## School Types

- Zoned district schools
- Non-zone District schools
- Pre-K centers
- NYC Early Education centers
- Family child care networks



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## 3-K and Pre-K Program C

- School Day
- Extended Day and Year
- Head Start
- Dual Language

## Kindergarten program choices

- Kindergarten
- Gifted and talented
- Dual Language
- STEM program

Children have an admissions priority to...

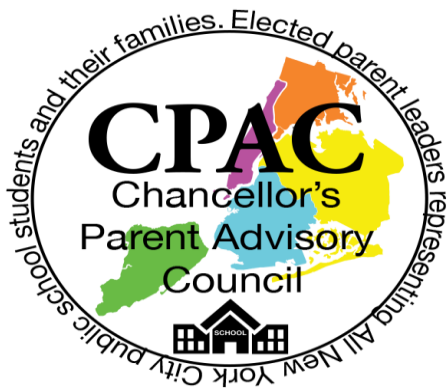
Families can learn which priority groups received offers last year on MySchools!

- They're zoned school
- Most families have a zoned school
- Most NYC children attend their zoned school for kindergarten
- Not all zone schools offer 3-K or Pre-K
- Schooors in their school district
- The school where their sibling is currently enrolled
- The school where they are a current student
- G & t program give priority to siblings and families who reside in the district

Families can list as many choices of interest.

The best strategy is to list choices in true preference order.

- This means listing the top choice as the number one on the application etc
- How choices are listed on the application does not change a child's priority at any given school
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- For example, if you're a current student at a school listed on your application, you will always have the priority no matter where you list it on the application
- If there are two or more programs at a school, families can apply to both, or one or the other
- Families should only list schools they want their child to attend, and should not include choices they are interested in.

For children born in 2020, 2021 and 2022

- Children born in 2022 are eligible to enter 3K, and those born in 2021 are eligible to enter Pre-K beginning fall 2025
- Both applications will open on January 15th
- Children born anytime in 2020 are eligible to enter kindergarten in the fall of 2025
- The kindergarten application is now open! The deadline to apply is January 24th
- All applications submitted by the deadline are processed as one-time applications - the admissions process is not first come first serve
- Families can list as many choices as they would like on their application - we recommend only applying to programs you would like your child to attend
- Find your school district by entering your address at [schoolsearch.schools.nyc](http://schoolsearch.schools.nyc) or by calling 311

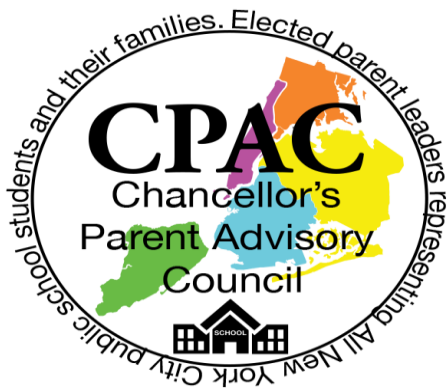
For children born in 2020

Gifted and Talented Programs:

Reminder that families can apply to both general kindergarten and kindergarten gifted and talented programs using this application. If a family is interested in GNT programs, they should be sure to list programs in their true order of preference.

Eligibility:

Current Pre-K students at NYC public schools District schools, Pre-K centers, NYC Early Education centers, or charter schools are evaluated by their current Pre-K teachers after they apply.



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Current Pre-K students at private or parochial school programs, or for children who are not yet in school will be contacted by the division of early childhood education to set up interviews that will determine eligibility after they apply.

## Fifth Presentation

Class Size Law by Chief Operating Officer Emma Vadhera

## Class Size Implementation

What is the class size law?

Requires that NYCPS reduce actual class sizes (not average).

Reductions must begin in school year 2023 to 2024 year one, with 20% of classes in compliance; threshold increases by 20% each school year to reach 100% compliance by school year 2027 to 2028

## Exemptions:

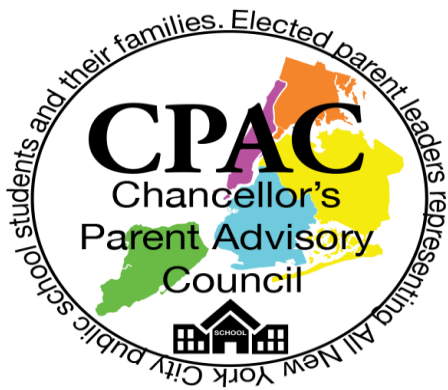
The law allows four types of exemptions to the class size targets

- With capital budget aligned to resolve
- Over enrolled students
- License area shortages
- Severe economic distress

Any exemptions must be approved by the UFT and CSA.

School Year 2024 to 2025 Class Size Reduction Plan and Policies in

- Requiring all districts to increase compliance by 3%, to ensure principles are making progress on class size, along with a non-exhaustive list of strategies that schools may undertake to reduce class sizes
- Updated Capital planning strategy, to ensure the \$27,000 seats from the prior capital plan work to alleviate class size and to focus seats already underway and identify new needs so that we can appropriately assign allocated capital dollars to districts that need seats



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- Additional funding for class size, including an additional 45 million in C4E funds, and an additional \$137 million dollars that schools must use for class size
- Multiple levers for supporting teacher recruitment and retention, including an expanding pathways for NYC students into teaching, increase in early commitment stipends and focused recruitment and current alternative certification programs
- A continued focus on high poverty schools, including as we look at the distribution of C4E funds

Chancellor Melissa Aviles-Ramos shares updates.

1. CEC Elections and shared the website
2. Deputy Chancellor Dr. Cristina Melendez recognized and says thank you
3. Dream is an academic test prep for students (eligibility requirements)
4. Principles are encouraged and instructed to work with their PA/PTA

FACE gives updates

Rosa read the resolutions in details.

Rosa goes over minutes and ask for a motion to adopt the December minutes

Randi shares dates February 3rd/February 5<sup>th</sup> Training for all PA and PTAs

Regulation of the Chancellor A-660

Reminder! Next CPAC meeting is Thursday, February 13th at 9:30am

Minutes Completed by Ashlee Mulero CPAC Recording Secretary

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