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CPAC General Meeting

March 13, 2025

March 2025 Minutes

Call to Order:

Meeting: Started at 9:39 am

Present: All EB members

Rosa begins with a welcome of Woman's International History Month

CPAC EB Members for School Year 2024 - 2025

CPAC Procedures and Standing Rules done by Erica Newsome

CPAC Rules Summary done by Rosa Diaz

Presidents Council Current Members (Present) Roll Call done by Randi Garay:

D1, D2, D6, D8, D9, D12, D14, D15, D16, D17, D18, D20, D21, D22, D24, D25, D26, D28, D29, D30, D31, BKHS, MHS, QHS

Chair Rosa:

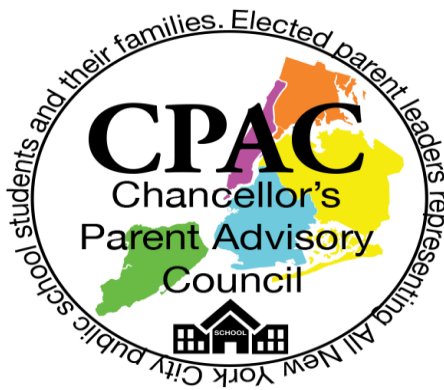
Shares the agenda for the March meeting and going over presentations

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

Shared a breakdown of CPAC Committee Chairperson

Next meeting April 13, 2025 at 9:30am



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First Presentation:

New York State office for New Americans - Cynthia Stewart - Senior Program Manager, ONA
Ramirez June Initiative
Presentation on Intellectual and Development Disabilities

Introduction to The New York State Office for New Americans Ramirez June Initiative (ONA)

- Was created in 2012 to welcome immigrants and to help them in achieving their American Dream

Who are New Americans?

New Americans refers to all people who were born outside the US who moved to the US to live here, regardless of the immigration status.

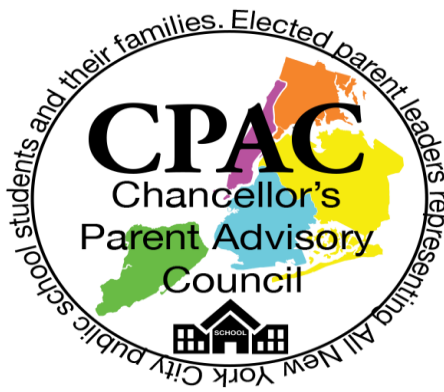
- New Americans can do people who have recently moved to the US or people who have lived in the US for decades.
- Some New Americans are people with disabilities and developmental disabilities.
- One in four New Yorkers are New Americans

About NYS ONA

- Found it in 2012, nation's first statutorily created immigrant service office.
- Of this all new American could access and navigating a variety of free services and supports through its statewide networks of community-based providers.

ONA Program Areas

- Citizenship and Civic engagement
- Developmental disabilities services
- English language learning
- Immigration legal services
- Mental health support
- Workforce Development



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ONA Legal Services

- Statewide network of experience immigration attorneys
- Free immigration legal services, regardless of your immigration status
- Consultation days available at ONA opportunity centers
- Know your rights and law-related workshops
- NYS New Americans Hotline 1-800-566-7636

Cell-Ed

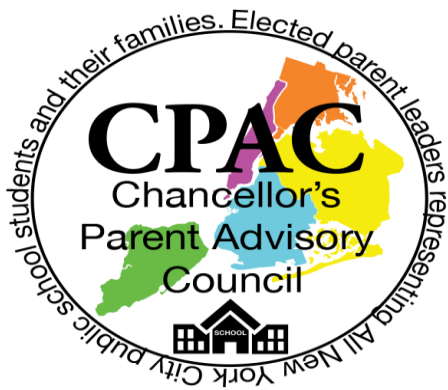
- Free English-language training and skills building through ANY mobile phone, tablet, or computer
- Cell-Ed allows users to:
- Participate in 3-minute stackable lessons
- Learn at their own pace, anywhere and at any time
- Measure their progress
- And I'm a certificate

New Americans Hotline

- 1-800-566-7636
- Toll free
- Operates from 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m., Monday to Friday
- Anyone can call for information and referrals, regardless of citizenship or immigration status
- Call your confidential and anonymous
- Assistance available in 200+ languages
- Information can also be found on the ONA website
- <https://dos.ny.gov/office-new-americans>

ONA Ramirez June Initiative

Increasing Access to Disability Services for New Americans through Outreach, Training, and Partnership.



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- The emissions is the first of its kind in the nation, it launched as a grant from the NYS Council on developmental disabilities in 2019 and continues to build capacity to support new Americans with disabilities.

What does the Ramirez June Initiative do?

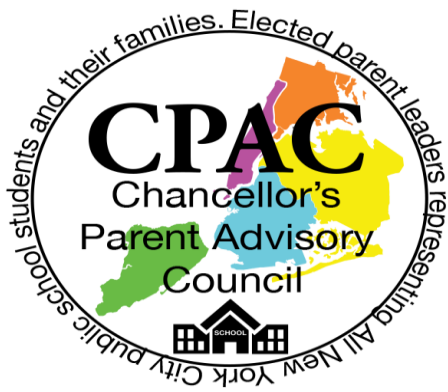
- Host workshops
- Create and share multilingual resources
- Builds partnerships and provides technical assistance
- Launched the ONA Bilingual Coordinator Program, in Brooklyn, NY
- Share strategies to increase access to disability services for new Americans
- The initiative aims to help new Americans of all ages with all types of disabilities

What's in Voyage?

- Multilingual information on child development (2 months to 5 years) and the early identification of disabilities
- Each copy is bilingual with all content in English and a second language
- Provide ages for developmental screenings (starting at 9 months), autism screenings (starting at 18 months), well child visits, developmental milestones, activities to promote child development, and disability resources in New York State
- Book is available in 13 languages

ONA Bilingual Coordinator Program

- Launched in February 2023 through the ONA Ramirez June Initiative's federal grant through the Council of Developmental Disabilities (CDD)
- Bilingual case management services
- Connects families with disability and mental health services with a focus and connecting with OPWDD services
- Created resource guide on accessing disability Services
- Host workshops to respond to community needs



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Second Presentation:

Office of Student Transportation
OMNY by John Brenson & La Nika Parker

OMNY Overviews 2024 - 2025

What is our student OMNY program?

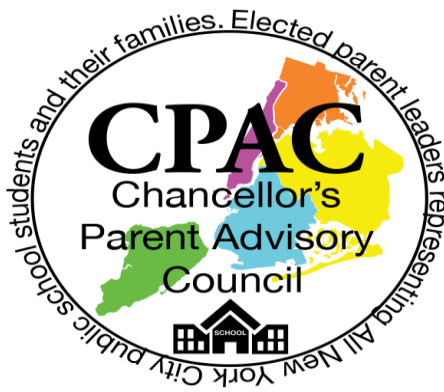
- OMNY cards let students ride MTA subways and MTA buses to get to and from school
- All students in grades kindergarten through 12 who live more than 0.5 mi away from their school are eligible for an OMNY card, unless they are assigned yellow bus service
- We provide OMNY cards to roughly 500,000 to 600,000 students each year

What changes were made this year?

- OMNY cards have replaced our old student MetroCard program. Eligibility criteria remain the same
- Student metrocards had specific restrictions on when they could be used
- OMNY cards have fewer restrictions. They can be used up to four taps per day; at any time of the day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year
- We've also simplified the program so that there's a single card for students in all grades

Student OMNY Card Reminders

- OMNY cards are strictly for the assigned student only and should not be sold or utilized by any unauthorized user; if anyone other than the assigned student is found using the OMNY card, it will be deactivated
- If your student has a lost or story OMNY card they should report that to their school
- If you're a student OMNY card is damaged please return the damage card to your school



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What changes are upcoming?

NYC Public Schools is working with MTA to develop a virtual OMNY program. When this program is rolled out, students will have the option to link their OMNY account to a device, eliminating the need for them to carry a physical card

- NYCPS is also partnering with MTA on various initiatives to encourage good ridership habits and reduce fare evasion

Third Presentation

PTA/PA: All you need to know!

District 4 Family Leadership Coordinator (FLC) - Nancy Pereira

Discussed the Nominating Committees Roles and Responsibilities

- Scheduling elections
- Preparing for elections
- Nominating Committees responsibilities
- Conducting an election meeting

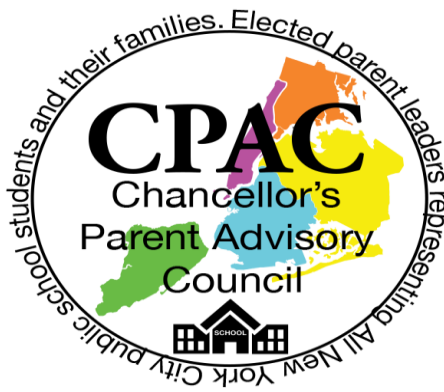
The Chancellor is unable to attend the meeting due to being at the Education Hearing. However, she provided members of her cabinet to answer any questions and or updates.

Fourth Presentation:

Proposed Legislation for UFT - Represented Paraprofessionals

United Federation of Teachers (UFT)

By Michael Mulgrew



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Fifth Presentation:

CEC Elections & NYCSA Overview

By Constance (FACE) & Lynn Sanchez

36 Education Councils in NYC

- 32 Community Education Councils (CECs)
- 4 Citywide Education Councils

CCEC Elections 2025: Timeline Overview

- January 13 - February 27 Application Period
- March 3 - April 24 Candidate Forums
- April 25 - May 13 Voting
- June Results Announced
- July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2027 Education Council Member Team

NYCSA

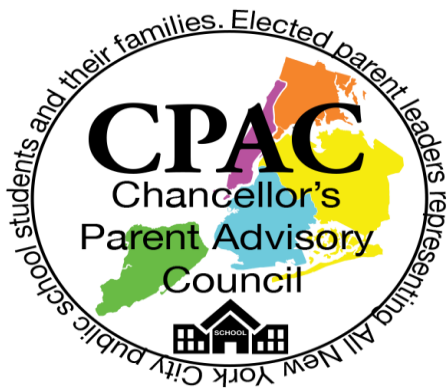
- Voting is done via NYCSA between April 25th and May 13th
- NYCSA outreach will start this month to get people ready to vote
- Zoom NYCSA support sessions will be held during voting period

Sixth Presentation:

NYC & NYS Education Budget Briefing

Coalition for Equitable Education Funding By Kaiser

- Last year many education programs were at risk of ending in 2024 because they were funded with expiring federal stimulus funds and expiring city funds
- The city continued funding for many other key education programs that were at risk of ending
- City Council Education Hearing March 13



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State Budget

What is Foundation Aid?

- Largest resource of funding from the State of NYCPS and other school districts
- Distributed to NYC and other school districts through a funding formula that provides funding for each student
- Currently being re-examined for the first time since 2007
- \$24.9B to districts across the State this year
- \$9.9B to NYCPS 25% of NYCPS's budget

Rosa shared updates

Next meeting April 10, 2025 at 9:30 am

Meeting adjourned

Minutes Completed by Ashlee Mulero Recording Secretary