

New York City Council

Memorandum in Support of Legislation

This memorandum is authored by the sponsor and explains the need for the legislation referenced below, in accordance with Rule 6.00(d) of the Rules of the Council.

Introduction Number:

Int. No.

Prime Sponsors:

Council Member Stevens

Bill Title:

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the creation and dissemination of diversity, equity and inclusion training for educational leaders

Submitted by:

Council Member Stevens

Justification:

In February 2026, during a Manhattan Community Education Council virtual meeting, an attendee made offensive remarks about African Americans while a student was speaking. This incident highlights the need for continued education and training within educational leadership spaces. This legislation would require such training, with a focus on addressing anti-Black racism, to help foster respectful and inclusive environments for students, families, and community members.