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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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HELD AT: Remote Hearing (Virtual Room 1)

B E F O R E: Mark Treyger
CHAIRPERSON

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
Alika Ampry-Samuel
Inez Barron
Joseph Borelli
Justin Brannan
Robert Cornegy, Jr.
Daniel Dromm
James Gennaro
Barry Grodenchik
Ben Kallos
Brad Lander
Stephen Levin
Mark Levine
Farah Louis
I Daneek Miller
Kevin Riley
Ydanis Rodriguez
Deborah Rose
Rafael Salamanca, Jr.
Eric Ulrich

A P P E A R A N C E S (CONTINUED)

2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: PC started.

3 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Backup is rolling.

4 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Thank you. Sergeant
5 Kowalski, you may begin with opening.

6 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Good morning and welcome
7 to today's remote New York City Council. On the
8 Committee on Education. At this time, would Council
9 staff please turn on their video? Please place
10 electronic devices on vibrate or silent. Thank you.
11 Chair, we are ready to begin.

12 CHAIRPERSON TREYGER: Thank you all very
13 much. Today, the committee will be voting on
14 Introduction 1675-B sponsored by Council member Rose.
15 I just want to note we been joined by Council member
16 Rose, Council member Ampry-Samuel, Council member
17 Dromm, Council member Borelli, Council member
18 Grodenchik, Council member Louis, Council member
19 Cornegy, Council member Rodriguez, Council member
20 Lander, Council member Riley, Council member Barron,
21 Council member Levine, and forgive me if we have
22 missed anyone. Proposed intro 1675-B would amend
23 existing law that requires DOE to publish information
24 on the summer meals program by June 1st. the
25 proposed intro would require DOE to provide the

2 summer meals report to all students along with three
3 locations nearest to each student school attendance
4 where Mills will be available. I appreciate Council
5 member Rose's leadership on this. Council member
6 Rose, if you would like to say any words before we
7 vote on your bill?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Thank you. Thank
9 you, Chair. My colleagues today, I am really
10 thrilled to be voting on this bill, Intro 1675 which
11 would allow more families to know that there is a
12 secure place nearby that they can send their children
13 to receive free meals during the summer months. This
14 bill will require that the Department of Education
15 mail summer meal information to every eligible
16 student. This information would include the three
17 nearest locations, operating hours, and eligibility
18 guidelines. Summer meals are offered to all children
19 ages 18 and under at no cost at several sites across
20 our city, including public schools, community pool
21 centers, public parks, libraries, and NYCHA locations
22 from June through August. Low income parents often
23 rely on New York City's school food for free meals
24 for the children throughout the school year and this
25 need doesn't simply disappear during the summer

2 months. So, as the number of summer meals sites
3 continued to increase, families should be properly
4 notified about the free meal options that are
5 available to them. So, I would like to encourage all
6 of you devote yes in favor of this. Especially, in
7 fact that we are turning the corner on this pandemic
8 and that it has threatened, you know, food security
9 for thousands of New Yorkers. Thank you.

10 CHAIRPERSON TREYGER: Thank you, Council
11 member Rose. I certainly thank you for your
12 leadership. This is certainly a very timely bill and
13 always appreciate you centering our children and our
14 families who need this information and help the most.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Thank you.

16 CHAIRPERSON TREYGER: Absolutely. And I
17 am in full support of the bill and I guess, with
18 that, we will have the clerk call the role.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK: Good morning. William
20 Martin, Committee Clerk. Roll call vote Committee on
21 Education. Proposed introduction 1675-B. Chair
22 Treyger?

23 CHAIRPERSON TREYGER: I vote aye.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK: Rodriguez?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Aye.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Dromm?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Aye.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK: Lander?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Aye.

6 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Rose.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Aye.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK: Barron?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I vote aye.

10 Congratulations. And if I'm not already listed,
11 please add me to the bill. Thank you.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK: Absolutely. Cornegy?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Permission to
14 explain?

15 CHAIRPERSON TREYGER: Permission granted.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: I just want to
17 say congratulations to both the Chairs and to Debbie
18 Rose. This pandemic has yielded a brand of
19 resilience, especially in the Education Committee. I
20 don't think I have seen any committee has quite as
21 hard on behalf of the students and families in
22 anything and I just want to say thank you. And I sat
23 and watched Mark go to war, literally, and Debbie
24 along with him. So, thank you. This is the victory
25 for families and they had no idea how hard it is to

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2 get to a place during this pandemic of advocacy
3 through bills and policy and legislation for them.
4 So, I just want to congratulate and I am an aye and
5 if I haven't been added, please add me to the bill.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Thank you.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you and
8 absolutely. Levine?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Thank you.

10 Congratulations to Council member Rose on great
11 leadership, again, and I will be voting aye.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Thank you, Mark.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK: Grodenchik?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Aye.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK: Salamanca?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: I vote aye.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Ampry-
18 Samuels?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER AMPRY-SAMUEL: Thank
20 you, Council member Rose, and thank you, Chair
21 Treyger. I vote aye.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK: Brannan?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN:

24 Congratulations to my sister from the south. I

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2 appreciate your leadership here and, of course, Chair
3 Treyger, I proudly vote aye. Thank you.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK: Louis?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: congratulations,
6 Chair Treyger, Council member Rose. Keep up the
7 great work. I vote aye.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK: Riley?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: congratulations,
10 Council member Rose. Thank you for your leadership,
11 Chair Treyger. I vote aye and if I haven't been
12 added to the bill, I would love to be added, also.
13 Thank you.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK: Absolutely. Gennaro?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: I vote yes. I
16 congratulate Debbie and also Chair Treyger. I've
17 already been added to the bill. It's a proud moment
18 for me to be able to be here and to support Debbie
19 and to support Mark and I think I vote aye already,
20 so I've voted yes twice. Sorry about that. Okay.
21 But it's worth voting for twice.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Borelli?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: I vote aye.
24 Thank you.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. One moment.
3 Chair, by a vote of 16 in the affirmative, zero in
4 the negative, and no abstentions, proposed
5 Introduction 1675-B has been adopted by the
6 committee.

7 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Billy, we are going
8 to-- Thank you to the committee members that showed
9 up. I know Jan and I have been pestering you for the
10 last 24 hours. We appreciate it. We are going to
11 keep it open a few moments for Council member Kallos,
12 but as my email said to everybody, if you on finance,
13 health, public safety, or the other committees voting
14 today, this is your zoom. One zoom through them all.
15 So, you know, stay in and, again, thanks, everybody.
16 We had quorum by 9:04, unprecedented in the education
17 world. So, thanks. And congrats, Council member
18 Rose.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Thank you for
20 having everything on one zoom. That's awesome.

21 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Try to make it as
22 seamless as possible.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Man, not
24 jumping around is awesome. Thank you.

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2 UNIDENTIFIED: Oh, where did Danny
3 Dromm go?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: I am right here.

5 UNIDENTIFIED: Okay. I'm worried. I
6 got a--

7 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: I know. We don't
8 start until 9:30, but--

9 UNIDENTIFIED: [inaudible 00:08:27]

10 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Excuse me, folks. This
11 is the Chief Sergeant-at-arms. Just be mindful that
12 we are still actively live on the stream.

13 UNIDENTIFIED: Thank you. See you at
14 9:30, Danny.

15 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Chair Treyger, this
16 is announced one more time. You don't need to remain
17 on while we keep this open. Billy can close out the
18 vote once Council member Kallos votes. Just FYI.

19 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Billy, Council member
20 Kallos is logged on. Can you please call on him?

21 COMMITTEE CLERK: Good morning, Council
22 member Kallos. Committee on Education. Proposed
23 Introduction 1675-B.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: I vote aye.

25 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. One moment.

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2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: You can call the final
3 now.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Final vote,
5 committee on Education, proposed Introduction 1675-B
6 is adopted by the committee 17 in the affirmative,
7 zero in the negative, and no abstentions. Thank you.

8 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Thank you, Billy.
9 Council members, if you are on finance, please remain
10 on this call. I will be ending the zoom now. Thank
11 you. All right. We are done with education.

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World Wide Dictation certifies that the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceedings. We further certify that there is no relation to any of the parties to this action by blood or marriage, and that there is interest in the outcome of this matter.



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