

CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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December 5, 2023  
Start: 4:13 p.m.  
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HELD AT: COMMITTEE ROOM - CITY HALL

B E F O R E: Rita C. Joseph, Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Alexa Avilés  
Carmen N. De La Rosa  
Eric Dinowitz  
Oswald Feliz  
James F. Gennaro  
Shahana Hanif  
Shekar Krishnan  
Linda Lee  
Farrah N. Louis  
Julie Menin  
Mercedes Narcisse  
Lincoln Restler  
Pierina Ana Sanchez  
Lynn C. Schulman  
Sandra Ung

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2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: This is a microphone  
3 check for the Committee on Education. Recorded on  
4 December 5, 2023, in the Committee Room by Nazly  
5 Paytuvi.

6 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Good afternoon. Welcome  
7 to today's New York City Council vote for the  
8 Committee on Education.

9 At this time, please silence all  
10 electronic devices.

11 Chair, we are ready to begin.

12 CHAIRPERSON JOSEPH: [GAVEL] Good  
13 afternoon, everyone. Welcome to today's Committee on  
14 Education vote on Proposed Introduction 198-A  
15 sponsored by Council Member Rafael Salamanca related  
16 to requiring the New York City Department of  
17 Education to stock opioid antagonists in all school  
18 buildings, Proposed Resolution 534-A sponsored by  
19 myself calling on the New York State Legislature to  
20 pass and the Governor to sign which would extend the  
21 hours used for student Metro Cards in New York City  
22 and would prohibit MTA from promulgating rules and  
23 regulations that penalizes a student for using a  
24 Metro Card when school is not in session, it's A-  
25 3723/8.75 and A816/S.879, Resolution number 579

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2 sponsored by Council Member Dinowitz calling on the  
3 New York City Public Education to ensure that New  
4 York State Seal of Biliteracy is awarded in all New  
5 York City Public Schools to eligible students,  
6 Resolution number 742 sponsored by Council Member  
7 Shaun Abreu calling on New York City Public Schools  
8 to develop curriculum on machine learning and adapt  
9 their current curriculum so policies account for the  
10 safe use of generative AI, Resolution number 766  
11 sponsored by myself calling on New York City  
12 Department of Education to update its CS4All  
13 initiative to increase access to CS4All professional  
14 development, for educators and administrators,  
15 particularly those in underserved schools and to  
16 increase training for all teachers, and Resolution  
17 number 767, also sponsored by myself, calling on New  
18 York City Department of Education to mandate training  
19 on generative artificial intelligence tools including  
20 for potential classroom implementation for all  
21 educators.

22 The Committee previously held hearings on  
23 198 on April 19, 2023, Proposed Resolution 534-A on  
24 October 25, 2023, Resolution number 579 on October

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2 18, 2023, and Resolutions 742, 766, and 767 on  
3 September 20, 2023.

4 I encourage all of my Colleagues to vote  
5 yes on these important bills as each of the  
6 legislation helps to ensure that students are  
7 provided with the resources and support they need to  
8 thrive.

9 If Council Member Salamanca, Dinowitz, or  
10 Abreu are present, would you like to make a statement  
11 on your Reso?

12 You're good? Okay, thank you.

13 I would like to thank my Committee Staff,  
14 and I will now turn to the Clerk to call the roll.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Good late  
16 afternoon. William Martin, Committee Clerk. Roll call  
17 vote Committee on Education, all items are coupled.  
18 Chair Joseph.

19 CHAIRPERSON JOSEPH: Aye on all.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Louis.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Aye on all.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Gennaro.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Aye.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank  
25 you. Dinowitz.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Aye.

3 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Feliz.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Aye on all.

5 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Avilés.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Aye on all.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: De La

8 Rosa.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Aye on all.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN:

11 Gutiérrez. Hanif.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Aye on all.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Hanks.

14 Krishnan.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Aye on all.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Lee.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Aye on all.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Menin.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Aye on all.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Narcisse.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Aye on all.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Restler.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Aye.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Sanchez.

25 Schulman.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Aye on all.

3 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Stevens.

4 Ung.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Aye on all.

6 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: With a  
7 vote of 15 in the affirmative, zero in the negative,  
8 and no abstentions, all items have been adopted by  
9 the Committee.

10 CHAIRPERSON JOSEPH: We're going to leave  
11 it open for one more minute.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Hey, Billy. I  
13 lost my audio. I don't know if my vote was recorded.  
14 I can't hear anything.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Council  
16 Member Gennaro, if you can hear me, we heard you. You  
17 were recorded as a yes vote on everything.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: I have no audio.  
19 If my vote was recorded, just wave to me.

20 Very good.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN:

22 Continuation roll call...

23 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: I can't hear  
24 anything, but I vote aye.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Council  
3 Member Sanchez. Council Member Sanchez.

4 UNKNOWN: She said she voted aye.

5 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: I just  
6 wanted to be sure we were recording (INAUDIBLE)

7 Council Member Sanchez, if you can hear  
8 me, can you cast your vote, please, once again?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Aye. I vote aye  
10 on all. Thank you.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank  
12 you. Final vote now Committee on Education, all items  
13 have been adopted with a vote of 16 in the  
14 affirmative, zero in the negative, and no  
15 abstentions.

16 CHAIRPERSON JOSEPH: Wonderful. Thank you  
17 so much, all. [GAVEL]

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C E R T I F I C A T E

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.



Date December 7, 2023