

CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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September 30, 2009  
Start: 10:30 am  
Recess: 11:37 am

HELD AT: Council Chambers  
City Hall

B E F O R E:  
ROBERT JACKSON  
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:  
Maria del Arroyo  
Bill de Blasio  
Simcha Felder  
Lewis A. Fidler  
Helen D. Foster  
Daniel R. Garodnick  
Vincent Ignizio  
Melinda R. Katz  
G. Oliver Koppell  
Jessica S. Lappin  
John C. Liu  
Domenic M. Recchia Jr.  
James Vacca  
Peter F. Vallone Jr.  
Albert Vann

## A P P E A R A N C E S [CONTINUED]

Robert Jackson  
Speaking on Intro 951-A  
Chairperson  
Committee on Education

Vincent Ignizio  
Sponsor of Intro 951-A  
Committee on Education

William Martin  
Committee Clerk  
Committee on Education

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2 CHAIRPERSON JACKSON: Good morning  
3 everyone and welcome to the Education Committee's  
4 meeting of September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009. My name is Robert  
5 Jackson, I chair the Committee. And present with  
6 me are members of the Committee from my left to my  
7 right is Jimmy Vacca of the Bronx; Dan Garodnick  
8 of Manhattan; Al Vann of Brooklyn; Jessica Lappin  
9 of Manhattan; and Simcha Felder of Brooklyn.  
10 Other members will be joining us shortly.

11 We're here to vote on proposed  
12 Intro number 951-A, a Local Law to amend the New  
13 York City Charter in relation to requiring the New  
14 York City Department of Education to provide the  
15 Metropolitan Transit Authority, commonly known as  
16 the MTA, with certain student enrollment  
17 information. This proposed Intro has been  
18 introduced by our colleague from Staten Island,  
19 Vincent Ignizio. Any questions or comments from  
20 anyone on the vote? Okay. We have quorum. Okay.  
21 John Liu our colleague from Queens is here.  
22 Congratulations John on the Democratic nomination  
23 for City Comptroller.

24 [Applause]

25 CHAIRPERSON JACKSON: Oliver

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2 Koppell is here. Okay. And I'd like to read a  
3 summary of the legislation. This bill would  
4 require the Department of Education to report to  
5 the MTA the names and addresses of any DOE's  
6 school scheduled to open in the upcoming school  
7 year, along with the school's anticipated student  
8 enrollment and the zip codes of the enrolled  
9 students, addresses, and the percent of enrolled  
10 students who reside in each zip code.

11 The required report would also  
12 include the name and address of any school  
13 expecting a 200 or more student increase in  
14 enrollment for the upcoming school year, along  
15 with the zip codes of the new students and the  
16 percentage of the new students residing in each  
17 zip code. The report would be due to the MTA no  
18 longer than August 15<sup>th</sup> of each year. And the  
19 effective date of this law would become effective  
20 60 days after its enactment into law.

21 And we've been joined by the prime  
22 sponsor, Vincent Ignizio of Manhattan who is also  
23 a member of the--I'm sorry Staten Island, the  
24 other island. Who's also a member of the  
25 Education Committee. And Council Member Ignizio,

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2 would you like to say a word on this proposed  
3 Intro? Council Member Ignizio would you like to  
4 say a word on the proposed Intro?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Yes.

6 Thank you Simcha. No just look this is a bill  
7 which came out of a school which opened in my  
8 District where the MTA was not notified about the  
9 bussing situation. It became a problem for the  
10 first couple of days despite what you may hear  
11 from DOE officials the communication isn't always  
12 great between the DOE and MTA and we believe this  
13 will both codify it and make it more efficient for  
14 everybody. Thank you very much.

15 CHAIRPERSON JACKSON: The  
16 Department of Education, we held a hearing last  
17 week, who testified and they said they had no  
18 problem with the bill whatsoever. And there is no  
19 fiscal impact whatsoever. It's a neutral impact  
20 meaning there's no cost to the City in order to  
21 implement this. So with that, I'm going to ask  
22 the clerk to identify himself and call the vote.  
23 The Chair recommends an aye vote.

24 MR. WILLIAM MARTIN: William  
25 Martin, Committee Clerk, roll call on the

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2 Committee on Education. Introduction 951-A,  
3 Council Member Jackson.

4 CHAIRPERSON JACKSON: I vote yes.

5 MR. MARTIN: Felder.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER FELDER: Yes.

7 MR. MARTIN: Koppell.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: Aye.

9 MR. MARTIN: Liu.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER LIU: Yes.

11 MR. MARTIN: Vann.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Yes.

13 MR. MARTIN: Garodnick.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.

15 MR. MARTIN: Lapping.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: Aye.

17 MR. MARTIN: Vacca.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Aye.

19 MR. MARTIN: Ignizio.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Yes.

21 MR. MARTIN: Katz.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER KATZ: Aye.

23 MR. MARTIN: By a vote of 10 in the  
24 affirmative, 0 in the negative and no abstentions,  
25 the item is adopted. Members please sign the

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Committee Report. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON JACKSON: The Chair is going to hold the Committee open until 11:30. It's 5 minutes after 11. 11:30 we will close the vote at that time. Thank you.

[Pause]

MR. MARTIN: Council Member Vallone.

COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: [No audible response].

MR. MARTIN: The vote now stands at 11 in the affirmative.

[Pause]

MR. MARTIN: Arroyo.

COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Aye.

MR. MARTIN: The vote now currently stands at 12 in the affirmative.

[Pause]

MR. MARTIN: Recchia.

COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA: Aye.

MR. MARTIN: Foster.

COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER: Aye.

MR. MARTIN: Roll call now stands at 14 in the affirmative. Thank you.

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COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: We can do

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that again.

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MR. MARTIN: Council Member Fidler.

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COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Aye.

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[Pause]

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MR. MARTIN: The current vote on

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the Committee on Education is now 15 in the

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affirmative, 0 in the negative and no abstentions.

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CHAIRPERSON JACKSON: Education

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Committee is hereby adjourned at 11:37 A.M.

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[Gavel banging]

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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Laura L. Springate certify that the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceedings. I further certify that I am not related to any of the parties to this action by blood or marriage, and that I am in no way interested in the outcome of this matter.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laura L. Springate". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_Laura L. Springate\_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_October 8, 2009\_\_\_\_\_