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Resolution calling upon the New York State Legislature to pass A.01291, which would amend the New York City Charter in relation to notification when the New York City Department of Education is considering the opening, closing and/or consolidation of a school.

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Whereas, The New York State Legislature is considering A.01291, legislation that would amend the New York City Charter in relation to the New York City Department of Education's (DOE) method of providing notification of school openings, closings and consolidations; and

Whereas, A.01291 would require that the DOE notify the appropriate elected state and local officials, community board members, and parents or guardians when it is considering the opening, closing and/or consolidation of a school; and

Whereas, The bill would require that a copy of such notification be displayed in a prominent location within any school or schools that may be affected; and

Whereas, The DOE would also be required to ensure that such notifications occur at least twelve months prior to any projected school opening, closing and/or consolidation, and provide a mechanism for meaningful input by the elected state and local public officials representing the affected communities; and

Whereas, In the event the DOE has projected the closing and/or consolidation of a school due to the underutilization of facilities, the bill would require the DOE to ensure that such closing and/or consolidation results in students being sent from the low achieving school to a higher achieving school; and

Whereas, The lack of an adequate notification process has resulted in numerous community protests regarding school closings and consolidations, which further strain the relationship between the community and

education officials; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York calls upon the New York State Legislature to pass A.01291, which would amend the New York City Charter in relation to notification when the New York City Department of Education is considering the opening, closing and/or consolidation of a school.

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