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By Council Members Fiala, Espada and Stabile; also Council Members Abel and Ognibene

Whereas, Under the current Board of Education and Chancellor, our children's academic performance has remained well under the national average; and

Whereas, The minimal progress in reading and math scores that we have seen must now be called into question because of alleged cheating by teachers and principals; and

Whereas, A recent state report by the Moreland Act Commission claimed that the education system was rife with "widespread, systematic fraud" that was not due to mere negligence but due to "conscious fraud" which evinces "an entire culture of cheating"; and

Whereas, Our school system has the duty to not only teach our children fundamental academics, but to instill in them a sense of right and wrong; and

Whereas, The current system has failed in its obligation to teach academics, and now apparently has failed in its moral obligation to our children by showing them that a culture of cheating is acceptable; and

Whereas, The Chancellor is the chief executive of this system, and, therefore must ultimately shoulder the blame for this failing system; and

Whereas, This bureaucracy is attempting to administrate the education of over one million students in over one thousand schools from one central office; and

Whereas, The current system provides for no effective local input into the education of our children; and

Whereas, For all the above reasons, and many more, the current education system has failed our children; and

Whereas, A borough-based educational system that provides for five separate borough boards of education, each comprised of seven members - four appointed by the mayor and three by the borough president - would provide for more accountability and local input into the education process; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York calls upon the New York State Legislature to abolish the New York City Board of Education and the office of the New York City School's Chancellor and institute a borough-based educational system for the City of New York.

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