

Whereas, Section 100.11 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education (Section 100.11) directs each community school district to develop a plan for the participation of parents, teachers, and administrators in school-based planning and shared decision-making; and

Whereas, In the City of New York, District Leadership Teams (DLTs) consisting of parent, teacher, and administrator representatives from elementary, middle, and high schools geographically located within each community school district fulfill the section 100.11 requirements regarding the district-level plan for the participation of parents and staff in school-based planning and shared decision-making; and

Whereas, New York City Chancellor’s Regulation A-655 (CR A-655) establishes guidelines regarding the formation and operations of DLTs in every community school district; and

Whereas, CR A-655 directs each DLT to develop a District Comprehensive Educational Plan, which includes annual goals and objectives that are aligned with the district’s and the Chancellor’s goals as well as the means and standards by which all parties in the district evaluate improvement in student achievement; and

Whereas, New York’s Open Meetings Law states, “It is essential to the maintenance of a democratic society that the public business be performed in an open and public manner and that the citizens of this state be fully aware of and able to observe the performance of public officials and attend and listen to the deliberations and decisions that go into the making of public policy;” and

Whereas, DLTs are an important part of the governing structure of the New York City public school system; and

Whereas, DLTs are not operating according to Open Meetings Law requirements; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York calls upon the New York State Legislature to introduce and pass, and the Governor to sign, legislation requiring all District Leadership Teams to operate under open meetings law requirements.

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