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Res. No. 820

Resolution calling on the Administration for Children's Services Division of Youth and Family Justice to require all juveniles detained in New York City facilities during the summer months to attend school.

By Council Members Rose, Chin, Dickens, Dromm, Eugene, Ferreras, Fidler, Gentile, Gonzalez, James, Koppell, Mealy, Mendez, Palma, Vann, Williams, Wills, Vacca, Mark-Viverito and Koo

Whereas, The Administration for Children's Services Division of Youth and Family Justice ("DYFJ") is charged with coordinating the detention of the City's court involved youth; and

Whereas, During the City's 2010 fiscal year there were a total of 5,387 youth placed in detention with an average length of stay of 26 days; and

Whereas, As part of the services provided by DYFJ, youth in detention receive education services administered by the Department of Education ("DOE") in coordination with DYFJ through its Passages

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Academy; and

Whereas, Passages Academy is a full-time educational program that tailors its curriculum to the needs

of youth in detention and is open during the regular DOE school year as well as for summer school; and

Whereas, According to assessments conducted by DOE, ninety-four percent of residents in juvenile

detention read below grade level and forty percent read below a fourth grade level; and

Whereas, Recent studies conducted by The National Evaluation and Technical Assistance Center

indicate that youth with learning difficulties have a higher propensity for gang membership; and

Whereas, These studies also show that academic outcomes achieved during incarceration, including

reading improvement, reduce recidivism; and

Whereas, Juveniles in detention during the summer should have mandatory education services provided

to them, no matter their standing, in order to increase their level of education and make their time in detention

more productive; and

Whereas, Mandatory classes during the summer months will assist detained youth by ensuring

additional education services; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York calls on the Administration for Children's Services

Division of Youth and Family Justice to require all juveniles detained in New York City facilities during the

summer months to attend school.

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