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### Res. No. 445

Resolution calling on the Chancellor of the New York City Department of Education to amend Chancellor's Regulation A-655, regarding mandatory members of School Leadership Teams (SLTs), to include one parent of a child with an Individualized Education Program (IEP).

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Whereas, The New York City Department of Education (DOE) is the largest system of public schools in the United States, serving about 1.1 million students in nearly 1,700 schools; and

Whereas, The DOE is led by the New York City Schools Chancellor, who promulgates regulations called the Chancellor's Regulations; and

Whereas, The Chancellor's Regulations address a wide range of policies and are categorized into four Volumes; and

Whereas, Volume A addresses student-related issues, from admissions to promotion, Volume B addresses school-based budgeting, Volume C addresses employee issues, from hiring to termination, and Volume D addresses parent and community involvement; and

Whereas, Currently, Chancellor's Regulation A-655 requires the establishment of School Leadership Teams (SLTs) in every New York City public school, which, according to the DOE, are a "vehicle for developing school-based educational policies and ensuring that resources are aligned to implement those policies;" and

Whereas, Chancellor's Regulation A-655 further states that the SLTs should have a minimum of 10 members and a maximum of 17 members; and

Whereas, SLT membership must include the school's principal, the Parent Association/Parent-Teacher

Association (PA/PTA) President and the United Federation of Teachers (UFT) Chapter Leader, or their designees; and

Whereas, In addition to those mandatory members, the SLTs must also include other parents from the school and school staff (pedagogic and/or non-pedagogic) in equal numbers; and

Whereas, Currently, there is no requirement that one of the parents on the SLT be the parent of a child with an Individualized Education Program (IEP); and

Whereas, The IEP is a written document that is developed for each public school child who is eligible for special education and sets forth recommended goals and services designed to meet the student's educational needs; and

Whereas, The DOE recognized the importance of including the parent of a student with an IEP when creating educational policy in Chancellor's Regulation D-140, which mandates that each Community Education Council have at least one member who is a parent of a student with an IEP; and

Whereas, Parents of children with IEPs would be an asset to each SLT because they often have a unique perspective and experience of the school's performance and needs and are an important voice in the school community; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York calls on the Chancellor of the New York City Department of Education to amend Chancellor's Regulation A-655, regarding mandatory members of School Leadership Teams (SLTs), to include one parent of a child with an Individualized Education Program (IEP).

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