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A Local Law to amend the New York city charter, in relation to informing parent teacher associations, community education councils, and principals of instructional arts education requirements.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Subdivision (e) of section 530-f of the New York city charter, as added by local law number 123 for the year 2013, is amended to read as follows:

(e) Not later than February 15th, 2014, and on an annual basis thereafter by the 15th of February, the department shall submit to the council and post on the department's website, data regarding the provision of instructional requirements for the arts in schools for the preceding school year. The department shall also make available to all parent teacher associations, community education councils, and principals such data, through electronic means or otherwise, not later than the fifth day of each school year. Such report shall include, but not be limited to:

1. The total number and percentage of schools serving students in grades one through six that have met all instructional requirements in all of the following disciplines: music, dance, theatre and visual arts;
2. The total number and percentage of students in grade eight who have:
 - i. completed all instructional requirements for the arts grades seven through eight;
3. The total number and percentage of high school graduates who have:
 - i. completed all instructional requirements for the arts for grades nine through twelve;
4. The total number of full-time licensed arts instructors on staff for grades seven through twelve including but not limited to their areas of arts certification; and
5. The total number of part-time licensed arts instructors on staff for grades seven through twelve

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c. Data shall include demographic information regarding the racial and ethnic composition of the school and shall include, but shall not be limited to, the percentage of special education students and the percentage of English language learners.

d. All information required to be reported by this section shall be aggregated citywide, as well as disaggregated by city council district, community school district and school.

e. No information that is otherwise required to be reported pursuant to this section shall be reported in a manner that would violate any applicable provision of federal, state or local law relating to the privacy of student information or that would interfere with law enforcement investigations or otherwise conflict with the interests of law enforcement. If a category contains between 0 and 9 students, or allows another category to be narrowed to between 0 and 9 students, the number shall be replaced with a symbol.

§2. This local law shall take effect 90 days after its enactment into law.

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