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Res. No. 1651

Resolution calling upon the appropriate committee of the Council of the City of New York to conduct an oversight hearing on the procurement of textbooks by the Board of Education.

By Council Members Moskowitz, Carrion, Clarke, Henry, Michels, Nelson, Reed, Warden, Abel, Fiala, Golden and Stabile; also Council Members Eisland, Fisher, Foster, Leffler, Linares and McCaffrey

Whereas, The Board of Education failed to provide all students with textbooks at the beginning of the year; and

Whereas, Specifically, the students at Life Sciences Secondary School in Manhattan had not received many of their textbooks a full month into the school year; and

Whereas, An investigation by Council Member Eva Moskowitz, 4th Council District, Manhattan, revealed that most funds were not made available for the purchase of textbooks for the Life Sciences Secondary School until September 27th, 2000, and some funds were not made available until October 26th, 2000; and

Whereas, Though the school is only two years old, this was not the first school year that students at Life Sciences Secondary School experienced this problem; and

Whereas, Students can not be expected to meet new rigorous standards without access to textbooks, and those responsible for failing to provide textbooks in a timely manner should be held accountable so that this tragedy does not recur; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the appropriate committee of the Council of the City of New York conduct an oversight hearing on the procurement of textbooks by the Board of Education.

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