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Res. No. 1786

Resolution calling upon the appropriate committee of the Council of the City of New York to conduct an oversight hearing to assess the Board of Education's compliance with the provisions of Individualized Education Programs for children with special needs.

By Council Members Oddo, Fiala, O'Donovan, Carrion, Malave-Dilan, Eisland, Moskowitz and Nelson; also Council Members Foster, Freed, Harrison, Koslowitz, Lopez, Provenzano, Robinson and Abel

Whereas, The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 1975 mandates that all children receive a "free and appropriate public education," regardless of the level or severity of their disability; and

Whereas, In order to effect the provisions of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, State laws and regulations require that local committees on special education develop an Individualized Education Program for every disabled child; and

Whereas, An Individualized Education Program assesses a child's unique needs and proposes a framework for addressing these needs; and Whereas, Furthermore, an Individualized Education Program must contain each special education service recommended by a local committee on special education, as well as the location where the service will be provided; and

Whereas, Parents and parent groups have complained that a number of students are not receiving special education services mandated on their Individualized Education Programs; and

Whereas, In particular, parents and parent groups have indicated that the Board of Education is not providing students with appropriate occupational and physical therapist services, as mandated by their Individualized Education Programs and by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the appropriate committee of the Council of the City of New York conduct an oversight hearing to assess the Board of Education's compliance with the provisions of Individualized Education Programs for children with special needs.

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