

Request to Increase Reimbursement for District 75 CEC Representatives

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Chancellor Melissa Aviles-Ramos
New York City Department of Education
52 Chambers Street
New York, NY 10007

Dear Chancellor Aviles-Ramos,

As a dedicated Community Education Council member and advocate for students with significant disabilities, I am submitting the attached resolution requesting an increase in the reimbursement rate for District 75 (D75) Representatives.

D75 Representatives are elected volunteers who invest extensive time and effort to ensure the unique needs of our students and families are addressed. However, the current reimbursement rate does not adequately reflect the responsibilities we carry — nor does it support the equity and access we strive to uphold across New York City Public Schools.

I urge your office to review this resolution and consider action that ensures fair compensation for D75 Representatives, aligned with the critical nature of our service.

Thank you for your leadership and attention to this matter.

Respectfully,
Wanda Ivette Balines
District 75 Representative, CEC 8

Community Education Council Resolution

In Support of Increased Reimbursement for District 75 Representatives

WHEREAS, District 75 (D75) serves students with the most significant disabilities in the New York City Public School system, and its Representatives on Community Education Councils (CECs) provide critical advocacy and insight that ensures the needs of these students and their families are addressed; and

WHEREAS, D75 Representatives are elected members of CECs and carry the same responsibilities and time commitments as other council members, including participation in meetings, public hearings, and community engagement; and

WHEREAS, the current reimbursement rate for D75 Representatives does not adequately reflect the time, travel, and personal resources required to fulfill these responsibilities effectively; and

WHEREAS, equitable compensation supports diversity, inclusion, and sustained engagement, particularly among those who may otherwise be unable to participate due to financial hardship;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the undersigned urge the Chancellor of New York City Public Schools, Chancellor Melissa Aviles-Ramos, to raise the reimbursement rate for District 75 Representatives in Community Education Councils to \$200.00 per month, to match the time and commitment required for their role and to ensure parity with other CEC members across the city.