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Resolution Requesting NYC Public Schools to Offer an In-Person Option for Parent-Teacher Conferences and Curriculum Night

Approved unanimously, at the Sept. 13, 2023 Calendar Meeting by all Council Members present during the roll call vote (11-0)

Sponsor: Yael Denbo, Ursila Jung, Kristin Savov

WHEREAS, Parent-Teacher Conferences (short meetings between parents and guardians and a child's teacher to talk about their child's academic performance and experience at school¹) were historically conducted in-person twice a year, with an option to meet either during an afternoon session or during an evening session.

WHEREAS, due to the COVID pandemic, starting in 2020, such conferences were moved to virtual for safety reasons.

WHEREAS, such conferences continued to be virtual even as students returned to in-person instruction.

WHEREAS, Community Education Council District 3 ("CECD3") recognizes that for many families, a virtual option provides many benefits, including safety and comfort for some families as well as ease in scheduling versus work and family responsibilities.

WHEREAS, many parents and guardians, however, continue to desire, and prefer, an in-person option for Parent-Teacher Conferences, with reasons including building stronger ties with their teachers².

WHEREAS, for many parents and guardians, Parent-Teacher Conferences are the only, or one of the few, opportunities to meet the teacher in-person and observe the classrooms that their children spend many hours of their day learning in.

WHEREAS, given that schools have been successfully reopened, with students back in-person full-time, it follows that parents and guardians should be afforded the opportunity to return to school buildings as well.

1 Definition of Parent-Teacher Conference on Department of Education website (<https://www.schools.nyc.gov/get-involved/families/parent-teacher-conferences>)

2 Chalkbeat Article September 22, 2022

<https://ny.chalkbeat.org/2022/9/22/23367355/parent-teacher-conference-virtual-nyc>

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that CECD3 urges NYC Public Schools to offer BOTH virtual and in-person options for families to meet with their child's teacher for Parent-Teacher Conferences. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, each Parent-Teacher conference, whether virtual or in-person, should have a minimum duration of 10 minutes per meeting, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, District 3 schools should also consider in-person Curriculum Nights to allow for parents and guardians to meet their child's teacher in-person at the beginning of each school year.