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**Joint Resolution of Community Education Council 3 (CDEC3)
and District 3 Presidents' Council (D3 Presidents' Council)
for Beacon & Other High Schools as District 3 Priority High Schools**

Approved at CDEC3 Public Meeting of June 17, 2009

Approval of D3 Presidents' Council pending in September 2009

Whereas, parents and principals in the District 3 community, through many emails, telephone calls and letters, have expressed concerns that not having a priority high school in District 3 is unfair and inconsistent with other Districts, and

Whereas, CDEC3 and D3 Presidents' Council, have ascertained from these communications that many District 3 eighth grade students were not accepted to Beacon High School this year; and

Whereas, other districts have priority high schools; for example, District 2 (D2), has five high schools that give priority to D2 students: Eleanor Roosevelt; Baruch, School of the Future; Upper Lab; and Millennium (which gives priority to children in Lower Manhattan; and

Whereas, Beacon also takes a percentage of D2 children. which is an unfair and inequitable situation for D3 students, since D2 students already have priority in 5 High Schools and D3 has none; and

Whereas, CDEC3 and D3 Presidents' Council, as well as the District 3 community, generally concur that Beacon High School should revert to a District 3 Priority School, as it was established when founded in the early 90's, and

Whereas, CDEC3 and D3 Presidents' Council have, through their participation in DLT meetings as well as comments from parents and the community in CDEC3 Working and Public Sessions, and D3 Presidents' Council meetings, taken into account their concerns and comments; now therefore, be it

Resolved, that CDEC3 and D3 Presidents' Council support the parents' and community's request that the DOE office of Portfolio Development designate Beacon, and other high schools within the District 3 area, as priority schools for District 3,