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**District 3 Community Education Council (CDEC3)
and District 3 Presidents' Council
Joint Resolution Regarding lack of a Proper Consultation Process
by the New York City Department of Education (DOE)
Approved at Calendar Meeting of Wednesday, March 11, 2009**

Whereas, the DOE has recently closed schools in District 3 without a proper consultation process with the school community, represented by CDEC3 and the D3 President's Council, and

Whereas, the DOE announced its intent to close PS241 and to house an existing charter school, now located elsewhere, in the building, thereby creating a zone without any zoned school for students in the catchment area. The proposed plans were made known without the mandated approval of the District 3 CDEC as part of the rezoning process, as stated in New York State Education Law § 2590-e.

Whereas, the DOE stated that PS241 was a failing school, though the New York State Department of Education considers that PS 241 has attained its Annual Yearly Progress; and

Whereas, the DOE has announced its intent to place a charter school in part of PS185 in spite of several arguments as to why the principal should be given at least one year to increase enrollment, as reflected in CDEC3 resolution of February 25, 2009 in support of the PS 185 request; and

Whereas, the DOE made the D3 District Leadership Team rather than CDEC3 the focus, for the first time, of a consultation process for choosing schools to replace closing schools, but then subverted the process by putting forth one or even zero public school options to "choose" from, and

Whereas, decisions to site charter schools in public school buildings in District 3 have been made without proper consultation and with staged rallies masquerading as hearings; Therefore

Be it resolved that CDEC3 and the D3 Presidents' Council demand that the DOE cease all steps to close PS 241 and immediately comply with the New York State Education Law § 2590-e which requires it to seek the CDEC to approval for any changes in zoning, which by definition would include the elimination of a zone altogether, as the DOE proposes in the case of PS 241; and.

Be it resolved that CDEC3 and the D3 Presidents' Council demand that the DOE immediately comply with New York State Education Law § 2590-e by consulting the CDEC before siting, closing and opening any new schools in the district; and

Be it resolved that CDEC3 and the D3 Presidents' Council demand that any future revisions made to regulations pertaining to parent leadership organizations, such as CDECs, Presidents' Councils, and PTAs, should require participation and approval by parent organization representatives, and that DOE should not have the authority to make such changes unilaterally.