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## CEC3 Resolution Vol. 14 No. 8

### Resolution Regarding Primary Day Voting in District 3 School Buildings

Approved at the November 20, 2014 CEC3 Calendar Meeting

by a unanimous roll call vote of the Council Members present (6 in favor/ 0 opposed)

*(Absent from vote: Deen, Gill, Gotbaum, Sweeting-DeCaro)*

**Whereas**, Primary election polling locations are currently sited in buildings housing the following District 3 elementary and middle schools: PS9, PS75, PS84, PS87, PS149, PS163, PS165, PS166, PS180, PS191, PS199, PS242, MS245, PS334, PS452, Wadleigh/FDA-II; and

**Whereas**, The siting of polling locations inside District 3 school buildings gives the general voting public unfettered access to classrooms, hallways, stairwells, restrooms and other school spaces; and

**Whereas**, The siting of polling locations inside District 3 school buildings has led to numerous reports of inappropriate commingling of the student body and the general voting public in restrooms and other school spaces, profane language directed at or used around students, mealtime disruption and general confusion; and

**Whereas**, On a typical day any individual wishing to enter a New York City school must sign in and present identification to school security but on a primary election day the general voting public does not need to present identification and anyone may enter these buildings; and

**Whereas**, The City of New York - and by extension, the New York City Board of Elections (BOE), the New York City Police Department (NYPD) and New York City Department of Education (DOE) - has a fundamental responsibility to ensure the safety and security of the City's school children; and

**Whereas**, Immediate steps must be taken to address safety and security concerns and specifically, curtail inappropriate commingling of students and the general voting public in school buildings where primary election polling locations are sited; now, therefore be it

**Resolved**, That CEC3 calls on DOE to immediately implement a policy giving elementary and middle schools with primary election polling locations in their buildings the option of using the primary election day as a non-attendance professional development day; and be it further

**Resolved**, That CEC3 calls on BOE, NYPD and DOE to immediately finalize and implement a plan that would deploy additional school safety officers and police officers in and around school buildings on primary election days if children are in attendance.