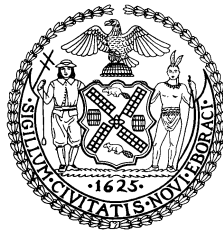


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The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

September 16, 2010

Chancellor Joel Klein
NYC Department of Education
52 Chambers Street
New York, NY 10007

RE: Discussion of Department of Education (DOE) position on bake sales at schools

Dear Chancellor Klein:

At its Land Use/Full Board meeting Wednesday, September 15, 2010, Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted the following resolution by a vote of 39 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstentions:

WHEREAS the Department of Education, in June 2009, enacted a policy to ban all bake sales in City Schools, and

WHEREAS bake sales are an important fundraising component of many schools, providing significant assistance to many extra curricular programs, that would otherwise not exist, and

WHEREAS bake sales provide a vital social component, offering individuals an opportunity to share cultural heritage, sample family recipes, and show off individual skills, and

WHEREAS bake sales offer a variety of educational experiences for students, and

WHEREAS in the Fall of 2009 Department of Education modified its policy to allow bake sales, on the condition that they only sell the pre-packaged products that are manufactured by Department of Education's contracted vendors, and which are currently available in school vending machines, such as Hydrox, Pop Tarts, Frito-Lay, Doritos, and Snapple, among others, all of which contain high fructose corn syrup and/or other unhealthy industrial food additives,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 8 Manhattan urges the Department of Education to repeal its ban on selling home baked foods at bake sales, and calls upon our elected officials to review this D.O.E. policy and seek its repeal.

Please advise this office of any action taken regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Jacqueline Ludorf
Chair

James Clynes and Judith Schneider
Co-Chair, Youth and Education Committee

cc: Hon. Michael Bloomberg, Mayor of the City of New York
Hon. Dennis M. Walcott, Deputy Mayor for Policy
Hon. Kathleen Grimm, Deputy Chancellor of Finance & Administration
Hon. John White, Deputy Chancellor
Hon. Jeff Shear, Chief of Staff
Hon. Martin Barr, Executive Director, Department of Education
Hon. Scott M. Stringer, Manhattan Borough President
Hon. Rose Pierre-Louis, Deputy Manhattan Borough President
Hon. Carolyn Maloney, United States Congress Member
Hon. Liz Krueger, New York State Senator
Hon. Jonathan Bing, New York State Assembly Member
Hon. Micah Kellner, New York State Assembly Member
Hon. Daniel Garodnick, New York City Council Member
Hon. Jessica Lappin, New York City Council Member
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