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**The City of New York  
Community Board 8 Manhattan**

May 20, 2021

Chancellor Richard A. Carranza  
NYC Department of Education  
52 Chambers St  
New York, NY 10007

Chancellor Lester W. Young Jr.  
New York State Education Building  
89 Washington Avenue  
Albany, NY 12234

**RE: Resolution to Address COVID-19 Related Learning Loss**

Dear Chancellor Carranza and Chancellor Young,

At the Full Board meeting of Community Board 8 Manhattan held on May 19, 2021, the board **APPROVED** the following resolution by a vote of 44 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstentions and 1 not voting for cause:

**WHEREAS:** The COVID-19 pandemic has created an education crisis;

**WHEREAS:** Due to the pandemic, students have lost 14 months of in-classroom time as of June 2021;

**WHEREAS:** Many students have fallen behind New York State education standards;

**WHEREAS:** The NWEA *Measures of Academic Progress* (MAP) growth assessments provide students, families, teachers, administrators, and school districts with specific, accurate, and actionable data on student academic progress;

**WHEREAS:** MAP growth assessments have been approved by the New York State Education Department for use under Education Law §3012-D;

**WHEREAS:** The New York City Department of Education (DOE) budgeted for Fiscal Years 2020 and 2021 to allow any DOE school to opt-in for the test;

**WHEREAS:** The New York State Exams fail to provide the detail needed by educators to assess growth among students;

**WHEREAS:** Community Board 8 Manhattan supports expanding the use of MAP growth assessments and ensuring the tests are used effectively and solely for the purpose of addressing subject area growth rather than using the tests to address student value such as in admissions;

**WHEREAS:** Community Board 8 Manhattan urges the New York State Department of Education and the New York City DOE to release data on learning loss during the COVID-19 pandemic;

**WHEREAS:** Community Board 8 Manhattan urges the New York State Department of Education and the New York City DOE to address learning loss during the COVID-19 pandemic and present a recovery plan;

**BE IT RESOLVED:** Community Board 8 Manhattan supports the above clauses and the use of MAP growth assessments.

Please advise us of any action taken on this matter.

Sincerely,

*Russell Squire*

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*Peter Patch, Taina Borrero, and Rami Sigal*

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Co-Chairs, Youth, Education and Libraries Committee

cc: Honorable Bill de Blasio, Mayor of the City of New York  
Honorable Carolyn Maloney, 12th Congressional District Representative  
Honorable Gale Brewer, Manhattan Borough President  
Honorable Liz Krueger, NYS Senator, 28th Senatorial District  
Honorable José M. Serrano, NYS Senator, 29th Senatorial District  
Honorable Dan Quart, NYS Assembly Member, 73rd Assembly District  
Honorable Rebecca Seawright, NYS Assembly Member 76th Assembly District  
Honorable Robert J. Rodriguez, NYS Assembly Member 68th Assembly District  
Honorable Ben Kallos, NYC Council Member, 5th Council District  
Honorable Keith Powers, NYC Council Member, 4th Council District