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**The City of New York  
Community Board 8 Manhattan  
Youth, Education, and Libraries Committee  
March 28, 2024 - 6:30 PM  
Conducted Remotely via Zoom**

**MINUTES**

**Board Members Present: Taína Borrero, Lindsey Cormack, Addeson Lehv, Sahar Husain, Vlad Frants (Public Member)**

**Approximate Number of Public Attendees: 50**

1. Co-Chairs Taína Borrero and Addeson Lehv called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. They explained that the meeting agenda would focus on high school admissions in District 2, with a priority for the committee to hear directly from members of the community, in particular families who have been impacted by the changes made to the NYC DOE high school admissions process in District 2.
2. Members of the public shared their concerns about the following matters:
  - a. Overarching concerns about the changes to the admissions process for high school applicants who are residents of District 2 - link to change.org petition shared by multiple members of the public
  - b. Many 8th grade students are not receiving matches for non-specialized public high schools in New York City from their selection list.
  - c. Long commute times for students traveling to non-specialized public high schools in New York City.
  - d. Students in certain districts (including District 2) have a lower likelihood of admission to a school on their selection list.
  - e. Lack of timely information about lottery numbers for families to make informed decisions when crafting their selection list.
3. Co-Chair Borrero put forth a motion that would enable the co-chairs of the Youth, Education, and Library committee to draft a resolution that would address the issues that the members of the public had stated. A tentative vote passed in favor of the resolution; however, due to lack of quorum at the committee meeting, this topic will be revisited and an official resolution will be forthcoming.
4. Old Business. There were no old business items.
5. New Business. Co-Chair Borrero expressed concern regarding a recent vote taken by the Community Education Council District 2. The decision called on the city to review the public schools' policies relating to allowing student athletes to participate on the sports team that corresponds to their gender identity. She stated that the committee will discuss this issue at the next committee meeting.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:45pm.

**Taína Borrero and Addeson Lehv, Co-Chairs**