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**The City of New York
Community Board 8 Manhattan
Youth, Education, and Libraries Committee
May 23, 2024 - 6:30 PM
Conducted Remotely via Zoom**

Please note: The resolutions contained in the committee minutes are recommendations submitted by the committee co-chairs to the Community Board. At the monthly full board meeting, the resolutions are discussed and voted upon by all members of Community Board 8 Manhattan.

Resolutions for Approval:

Item 1: Restoring borough priority for Manhattan residents in the high school admissions process.

Minutes

Board Members Present: Taína Borrero, Addeson Lehv, Valerie Mason, CJ Mossman, Elizabeth Rose, Judy Schneider, Todd “TJ” Stein

Approximate Number of Public Attendees: 20

Co-Chair Taína Borrero called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Co-Chair Addeson Lehv outlined the proposed resolution, which was drafted and shared with the public prior to the meeting.

1. Vote on resolution regarding borough priority for Manhattan residents in the high school admissions process. The resolution was written based on community feedback during several Youth, Education, and Libraries Committee and Full Board meetings.

RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL:

WHEREAS multiple members of the public brought up concerns about the changes made during the De Blasio administration to the high school admissions process for applicants who are residents of District 2 and;

WHEREAS there are long commute times for students traveling to non-specialized public high schools in New York City and;

WHEREAS many 8th grade students in District 2 and Manhattan are not receiving matches for non-specialized public high schools in New York City from their selection list and;

WHEREAS students in certain districts (including District 2) have a lower likelihood of admission to a school on their selection list and;

WHEREAS the lack of timely information about lottery numbers makes it difficult for families to make informed decisions when crafting their selection list and;

WHEREAS all or almost all high schools in other boroughs give geographic priority to residents of that borough and;

WHEREAS while Community Board 8 Manhattan (CB8M) supports the public statement of the Chancellor of the New York City Department of Education (DOE) to restore District 2 priority to schools that previously provided this preference, we recognize that this action does not address the needs of District 2 students who may be in lower academic priority groups or the needs of residents of other Manhattan districts and further that this action will result in less diversity at these schools.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED CB8M urges the Chancellor and the DOE to provide Manhattan borough residents priority admission to all non-specialized Manhattan high schools and to develop a long-term plan that provides admissions priority to one or more local schools to all students citywide -- which could include local district or borough priority for a portion of seats at all or almost all high schools citywide -- while also maintaining priorities to ensure socioeconomic diversity in selective public high schools.

VOTE OUTCOME: Resolution Passed

Yes (7): Borrero, Lehy, Mason, Mossman, Rose, Schneider, Stein (unanimous)

No (0): None

Abstain (0): None

2. **Old Business – There were no Old Business items**
3. **New Business – There were no New Business items**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:45pm.

Taína Borrero and Addeson Lehy, Co-Chairs