

Community Education Council 24

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Resolution No. 141

Whereas, schools send home a copy of the General Response Protocol, to help parents talk to their children about emergency readiness in schools. This protocol gives school instructions to follow when an emergency happens. It uses common language to identify the steps to take until first responders arrive. This protocol was written under the assumption that each school's fire alarm system is operational.

Whereas, in December 2020's CEC meeting, it was revealed that certain District 24 schools have non-functioning fire alarms.

Whereas, PS 89 (24Q089) has a non-functional fire alarm discovered last March, and there are no parts available to bring the system back to order. Instead of replacing the system while the school was vacant, DOE's SCA decided to hire firewatchers and place them at every floor of the school;

Whereas, PS/IS 73 (24Q073) has a new fire alarm system installed but it was never completed. CEC 24 was informed that the vendor went out of business.

Whereas, safety of our school children, teachers and staff is paramount. Having non-functional fire alarms, or having fire alarms not connected to central places the occupants in an unsafe situation daily.

Therefore, Community Education Council 24 demands the DOE and SCA to immediately take the following actions:

- 1) An investigation should be done in each D24 school to determine whether the fire alarm system is connected to a central station monitoring system, should the fire alarm go off.
- 2) Any school that is not hooked up to a central station monitoring system, should be put at the top of the list and work should be done to immediately implement the upgrade of that schools fire alarm system.
- 3) District 24 schools that currently have central station monitoring systems, have ones that are in proper working order.

Resolution No. 141 was voted and approved by the CEC24 members at the February 9th CEC24 Meeting.