



Community Education Council 24

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Tuesday, July 22, 2025
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
PS/IS 102 Bayview School
55-24 Van Horn Street
Elmhurst, NY 11373

ADA Fully Accessible

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://nycdoe.zoom.us/j/92420678704?pwd=b9W7K8blzWAvSdaRnW12kNMUQr9aDi.1>

Meeting ID: 924 2067 8704

Passcode: 543860

The July 22nd meeting will be held
in the auditorium of PS/IS 102.

CEC24 ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Call to Order and Roll Call
3. Nomination of temporary Chairperson (pro tem)

4. Election of Officers: President, 1st Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary
5. Adjournment

CEC24 CALENDAR MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Roll Call by CEC24 President
2. Welcome and Introduction of new CEC24 Officers and Members
2. Approval of CEC24 June Meeting Minutes
3. Reports
 - a. CEC24 President's Report
 - b. Superintendent Anthony Rivera's Report
6. New Business - Treasurer's Report, Resolution #183-Cannabis Dispensary Proposal Being Built Across the Street from Public School 58
7. Old Business
8. Public Comment – Open floor for public and concerns (2 minutes per person)
9. Adjournment

CEC24 BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

1. Roll Call
2. Meeting Dates and Locations
3. Committees
4. Discussion of School Liaisons and Visitations
5. New Business
6. Adjournment

Upcoming CEC24 August and September 2025 Calendar and Business Meeting

Tuesday, August 27, 2025 and September 16, 2025

Resolution #183 – Cannabis Dispensary Proposal at 71-10 Maspeth Avenue, Maspeth, New York across from Public School 58

Sponsor: Matthew Crescio

Whereas, Community Education Council District 24 (CEC24), composed of ten duly elected parent representatives, serves as the voice of families across the largest school district in New York City, representing over 40,000 students;

Whereas, CEC24 is charged with advocating for the safety, well-being, and academic success of all students within District 24;

Whereas, a cannabis dispensary is being proposed at 71-10 Grand Avenue in Maspeth, Queens, directly adjacent to P.S. 58 — The School of Heroes, a public K-5 elementary school serving hundreds of local families;

Whereas, the proposed location sits approximately 446 feet from a school entrance actively used by Pre-K through 2nd grade students for over 12 years, and the New York State cannabis regulations (9 NYCRR § 119) explicitly prohibit retail dispensaries from operating within 500 feet of any entrance to a school building;

Whereas, the applicant and/or the Cannabis Control Board appear to be engaging in semantic manipulation by claiming the law refers only to a "main entrance," despite the regulation clearl

Whereas, independent, professional measurements using a Measure Master Roltape Corporation Measuring Wheel confirmed that the distance from the proposed dispensary entrance to the school entrance is 446 feet, which is 54 feet short of the legal minimum buffer zone;

Whereas, this violation of the law and the disregard for student safety has sparked broad-based opposition, including a formal letter to the New York State Cannabis Control Board co-signed by:

- U.S. Representative Grace Meng
- New York State Senator Michael Gianaris
- New York State Assembly Member Steven Raga

- New York City Council Member Robert Holden
- Queens Community Board 5
- Juniper Park Civic Association
- COMET (Communities of Maspeth and Elmhurst Together) Civic Association

Whereas, the D24 Presidents' Council, which represents all PTA and PA Presidents from schools across the district and advocates for over 40,000 students, also stands in strong opposition to the proposed location;

Be it Resolved, that Community Education Council District 24 formally opposes the proposed cannabis dispensary at 71-10 Grand Avenue due to its proximity—within 446 feet—to a school entrance of P.S. 58, in violation of New York State cannabis siting laws;

Be it Further Resolved, that CEC24 calls on the New York State Cannabis Control Board and the Office of Cannabis Management (OCM) to deny the application for a dispensary license at this site, uphold the law as written, and prioritize student safety and community well-being over misapplied interpretations of regulatory language;

Be it Further Resolved, that this resolution be shared with:

- Governor Kathy Hochul
- Mayor Eric Adams
- New York State Cannabis Control Board
- Office of Cannabis Management (OCM)
- New York City Department of Education (DOE)
- All elected officials representing District 24

The members of the CEC24 have voted and approved this resolution on _____