



Community Education Council 24

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CEC24 Minutes from the April 22nd Meeting at Public School 143

Welcome,

Roll Call:

Matthew Crescio, Connie Altamirano, Anna Karwowska, Guo Zhou, Anna Karwowska, Manisha Jain, Juny Adames, Johanna Pineda

Absent:

Michael Martizano, unexcused, Mati Gonzalez, resigned

Attendees:

Anthony Rivera, I.A. Superintendent for District 24, Rachelle Lewis, Jose Jimenez, Kanye Smith, Justine Lucas, Principal for Public School 143 and her staff, including Diana Freeman and Alex Chan, Lucia Abernathy, Pamela Okoli from Food and Nutrition Services, Theresa Cuttone, Representative from Council member Julie Won's office, Phil Wong and Charlie Vavruska from Council member Bob Holden's office

. Matthew Crescio's monthly report

We have had meetings and discussions about the co-location of D75 with Public School 71Q, and we are excited that this co-location will take place in September 2025-2026 school year.

The DOE has funds that we can use for the community-based organization buildings for Nest, Horizon programs for District 75 with more programs for autism and inclusion in the next year for kindergarten through 5th grade. Equity for all children.

A press conference was held at PS 88 with Principal Linda O'Shaughnessy along with Mayor Adams and Chancellor Aviles-Ramos, I.A. Superintendent Anthony Rivera, Matthew Crescio, CEC24 President and other stakeholders to hire more teachers for smaller class size in District 24 diverse community for our students.

On April 10th, Manisha Jain and I attended a Safety Meeting at IS 61 regarding Subway Surfing and Human Trafficking. We hope to have this presentation at the May meeting.

. Anthony Rivera, I.A. Superintendent's monthly report

This is my 10th week with District 24 and have been meeting with the principals and their staff



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in how they work and educate in their schools.

Events and Workshops Throughout District 24:

The spring 2025 Citywide Conference is on April 26th from 8:00 – 3:00 pm for School Leadership Teams and District Leadership Teams to meet.

Overview of Academic Outcomes Sprint

The timeline is from March 10 – April 22- this focused initiative is designed to drive immediate improvements in ELA Performance – specifically for Grades 3 – 5 by providing targeting instruction to students whose performance is just below to just above proficiency.

Join Us to Become a Family Connector

District 24 NYCPS Cares Initiative is launching in 120 schools in 12 Districts.

The Family connectors initiative is at the heart of this work. This program is all about helping families get the support they need. As a Family connector you will be a trusted resource for families in your community, learn about important programs and services from NYC Public Schools, the city and the state and help families find tools and opportunities they need to thrive.

When, Tuesdays and Thursdays April 22 through May 22

Time, 12:00 pm or 6:00 pm

Voting for Community Education Councils April 25 – May 13

Before May 13, 2025 for the new Community Education Council members for 2025-2027 – please vote on your child's NYC Schools Account

District Plan for Teacher Recruitment at Public School 88 – Class Size Law Approval for D24

Mayor Eric Adams, I.A. Superintendent Anthony Rivera, Principal Linda O'Shaughnessy along with Chancellor Melissa Aviles-Ramos, CEC24 President Matthew Crescio and many other stakeholders and children joined in to celebrate the Boroughwide Fair on May 20th.

District 24 schools recognized as 2025 Respect for All in all schools,
PS 102, PS 229, PS 305, PS 7, PS 13, PS/Is 49, PS 290 PS 343 and PS 81

D24 STEM Expo on April 3, 2025 at PS 153



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Subway Surfing/Human Trafficking Prevention at the April Family town Hall session

Upcoming District 24 Fairs

We Are District 24 Fair on Saturday, May 31, 2025 from 10:00 – 3:00 pm at Forest Park

Each school puts on a show at the bandshell along with fun and activities at each individual school table.

District 24 Civics Showcase on Thursday, May 15, 2025 from 10:00 – 12:00 at IS 125

D24 is celebrating its first year as a Civics For All Partner District with schools from across the district highlighting their journey's and showcasing student work

Upcoming Events (Presentation in English, Interpretation in Spanish, Chinese and Bangla

Help Keep Kids Safe – Family Prevention

A series designed to empower families with tools and tips awareness to help keep kids safe

April 24 – Substance Use and Abuse Prevention at 6:00 pm

April 29 – Gang Awareness and Prevention at 6:00 pm

May 6 – Cyber Safety and Safe Online Habits at 6:00 pm

Meeting ID 936 4896 3985, Passcode 242424

Connie Altamirano, Vice President for CEC24 and IEP Representative is having a Rise-Up Fair on Saturday, May 10th at Public School 229 to discuss Speech Therapies, Resources, Physical Therapies, Counseling and many fun activities. This is Connie's 2nd Annual IEP Fair.

Johanna Pineda, ELL Representative is having a ELL Fair at Public School 16 on Saturday, May 17th to discuss resources and activities for parents, arts and crafts for children

. Public School 143 Students on Subway Surfing Awareness

The Students from PS 143 created a PowerPoint on their views for Subway Surfing Awareness. Many children have been lost due to the dangerous activity of Subway Surfing. Some of the



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Subway Surfers are older children, but young kids can make a difference. The students want to spread awareness, so we could prevent our friends and family from suffering due to the harmful effects of Subway Surfing.

Subway Surfing is a video game, but in real life it is a very dangerous activity. It is riding outside of a moving train or on top of a moving subway. Some children surf the subway for a thrill or attention and some children are dared on threatened.

The Video was excellent! The children were outstanding and put so much effort in it.

Principal Justine Lucas is very impressed with her students for creating a PowerPoint. Ms. Lucas hopes that all students in all schools get to see this Power Point that her students created to show the dangerous effects of Subway Surfing.

. Lucia Abernathy and Pauline Okoli from Nutrition and Food Services
Public School 143 had samples of food from Food services when you entered the school.

The DOE is committed to providing healthy options for children. All elementary and secondary schools are eligible for free or reduced priced meals under the federal National School Lunch program. Fresh salad bars have been in over 1,000 schools across the city for several years, providing fresh vegetables and a variety of healthy salads. If your school is interested in serving dinner at meetings, please let Food Services know.

. Resolutions:

Resolution #177 – Urging Siting of a New Specialized High School at 28Q497, Approved March 20, 2025 Sponsor: Matthew Crescio

CEC24 members approved Resolution #177 at the April 22nd CEC24 Meeting.

Resolution #178 – Paper Report Cards and Progress Monitoring Reports
Sponsor by Matthew Crescio

CEC24 members approved Resolution #178 at the April 22nd CEC24 Meeting.

Resolution #179 - Acknowledge Vacated Seat Due to Noncompliance with Attendance and



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Training Requirement Sponsor by Matthew Crescio

Since the resolution, CEC member Mati Gonzalez has resigned.

Resolution #180 – Support of Developing Bilingual Workbooks for K-5 Grades Students in NYCPS in All Bilingual and Dual – Language Programs in District 24 and Citywide. Sponsor: Matthew Crescio, Connie Altamirano, Anna Karwowska, Guo Zhou, Manisha Jain, Juny Adames and Johanna Pineda

CEC24 members approved Resolution #180 at the April 22nd CEC24 Meeting.

Adjourned. The Business Meeting will begin shortly.
. Business Meeting

Michael Martizano, CEC24 member was unexcused from tonight's meeting. No notice or email was given 24 hours prior to tonight's meeting.

. Discussion on Superintendent's Survey

The Superintendent Survey is due in June 2025. Maribell Perez-McDaniel will be sending the evaluation form to us shortly. Since Mr. Rivera is only with District 24 for two months, we decided to evaluate him for his outreach to the community, visiting schools, and being responsive to constituents' needs and requests.

Meeting Minutes will be discussed at the following meeting.

CEC24 Bylaws

As per last meeting, we updated the Hybrid Meeting session of the CEC24 Bylaws – Section 2, Member Attendance at Meetings

Hybrid Meetings: CEC24 shall conduct hybrid meetings in accordance with the Chancellor's regulations. Council members may participate remotely under extraordinary circumstances, including but not limited to disability, illness, or caregiving responsibilities. A quorum must be established at an in-person location open to the public, and members attending remotely may exercise voting rights only if an in-person quorum is met. Any Council member seeking to participate remotely must submit written notice to the President, Recording Secretary, and Administrative Assistant no later than 24 hours or upon immediate acknowledgment of said emergency before the scheduled meeting to ensure compliance with quorum requirements



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. Social Media

We cannot get into the Facebook account to put events and workshops on the site.
Juny Adames and Johanna Pineda will help with the Facebook page.

. May Fairs

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May 27th CEC24 meeting will be held at Public School 58 and June 10 CEC24 meeting will be held at Public School 14.

Meeting adjourned.

Janet Kregler, Administrative Assistant

April Minutes approved at the May 27th CEC24 Meeting, 5/27/25.