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RESOLUTION #195

CALLING FOR A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN NEW YORK CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND IMPLEMENTATION OF INTENTIONAL GUARDRAILS AND INTEGRATION PLAN

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WHEREAS, the New York City Department of Education (NYC Public Schools) is rapidly expanding the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) platforms and tutoring systems in our schools without a comprehensive policy, rigorous safety guardrails, or sufficient public engagement; and

WHEREAS, Governor Kathy Hochul has recognized the urgent need to protect children from the harms of unregulated technology through the enactment of the *SAFE for Kids Act* and the *New York Child Data Protection Act*, which seek to restrict addictive algorithmic feeds and prohibit the exploitation of minors' personal data; and

WHEREAS, excessive reliance on technology in the classroom risks displacing the critical social-emotional learning and critical thinking skills that are fostered by human interaction; and

WHEREAS, serious concerns remain regarding the collection of student biometric data, including voice recordings and facial recognition, by third-party AI vendors, which poses a permanent risk to student privacy and security; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Assembly has passed laws to regulate tech companies and their interactions with minors, most recently the bipartisan RAISES (Responsible AI Safety and Education Act), the SAFE for Kids Act, and the bell-to-bell cell phone ban (Zeff 2025; Zimmer 2025);

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Community Education Council for District 24 calls upon Mayor Zohran K. Mamdani and Chancellor Kamar Samuels to enact an immediate moratorium on the procurement and implementation of new AI technology in NYC public schools until a comprehensive evaluation of its educational efficacy, safety, and privacy risks is conducted; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NYC DOE should use this moratorium period to engage parents and educators in meaningful conversation, and use the inputs from those conversations to develop a holistic plan to utilize this technology in schools without compromising our student's safety or education quality, and provide thorough training to all staff and teachers on the appropriate use and incorporation of this technology into the classroom; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that NYC Public Schools should inform parents of any use of AI that collects data about students, including for grading, assessment, or diagnostic purposes, and that parents should be given the right to informed consent and to opt their children out of the use of AI that collects their student's information or intellectual property, and that all schools should be required to maintain a non-AI option for supplemental support, including tutoring; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that NYC DOE must align its policies with the *SAFE for Kids Act* and the *New York Child Data Protection Act* by ensuring that no student data—including biometric data or voice recordings—is collected, stored, or used to train AI models by third-party vendors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Education should shift its investment strategy away from unproven "ed-tech" solutions and toward hiring human educators and support staff to enrich current teachers, thereby ensuring that human interaction remains the center of the learning experience for all NYC students; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be shared with the Chancellor, the Panel for Educational Policy (PEP), the Mayor, and the New York State Commissioner of Education.

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References:

NY State Senate Bill S7694A, Signed by Governor in the 2023-2024 Legislative Session. Establishes the Stop Addictive Feeds Exploitation for Kids Act prohibiting the provision of addictive feeds to minors:

<https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2023/S7694/amendment/A>

NY State Senate Bill S7695A, Signed by Governor in the 2023-2024 Legislative Session, Establishes the New York Child Data Protection Act:

<https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2023/S7695/amendment/A>

NY State Assembly Bill A6453A, Signed by Governor in the 2025-2026 Legislative Session, relates to the training and use of artificial intelligence frontier models:

<https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2025/A6453/amendment/A>

Zeff, M. (2025). New York passes bill to prevent AI-fueled disasters. *Tech Crunch*.

<https://techcrunch.com/2025/06/13/new-york-passes-a-bill-to-prevent-ai-fueled-disasters/>

Zimmer, A. (2025). How much is your NYC school getting for state's new cellphone ban? *Chalkbeat*.

VOTE (CEC District 24) – Roll Call (Check One Per Member)

Matthew Crescio: x Support Does Not Support Absent Abstain

Gina Liberta: x Support Does Not Support Absent Abstain

Anna Karwoska: x Support Does Not Support Absent Abstain

Felicia McHugh: x Support Does Not Support Absent Abstain

Brian Augustine: x Support Does Not Support Absent Abstain

Manisha Jain: x Support Does Not Support Absent Abstain

Elizabeth Fortunato: Support Does Not Support x Absent Abstain

Kate Barvels: x Support Does Not Support Absent Abstain

Aliya Bonar: x Support Does Not Support Absent Abstain

The CEC24 members voted and approved Resolution No.195 at the February 24th CEC Meeting.

