



## **Community Education Council 24**

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**Resolution No. 201**

**Sponsored by: Matthew Crescio**

### **Resolution Asking the NYS Department of Health to Add Epinephrine Inhalants to the State Policy**

**WHEREAS, anaphylaxis is a severe and potentially life-threatening allergic reaction that requires immediate treatment; and**

**WHEREAS, epinephrine is the first-line emergency treatment for anaphylaxis, and prompt administration can save lives; and**

**WHEREAS, Chancellor's Regulation A-715 currently refers to stock epinephrine primarily in terms of epinephrine auto-injectors and related injectable devices; and**

**WHEREAS, New York State enacted legislation in 2025 expanding the definition of an epinephrine device to include not only auto-injectors, but also nasal spray devices for the emergency treatment of persons appearing to experience anaphylactic symptoms, with such legislation taking effect on January 1, 2026; and**

**WHEREAS, Community Education Council District 24 believes that New York City Public Schools' regulations and operational guidance should be updated promptly to reflect current State law and to ensure that students, staff, and visitors have access to all legally authorized life-saving epinephrine options; and**

**WHEREAS, Community Education Council District 24 has met with representatives of ARS Pharmaceuticals regarding neffy, an epinephrine nasal spray device; and**

**WHEREAS, Community Education Council District 24 has reached out to get New York City Public Schools included in the free school-access process for neffy, so that once Chancellor's Regulation A-715 is updated to include epinephrine nasal spray devices, schools may receive this medication at no cost; and**

**WHEREAS, for District 24, the approximate cost of supplying schools with this medication would otherwise be about \$81,000, but inclusion in the free process would reduce that cost to zero dollars; and**

**WHEREAS, making epinephrine nasal spray devices available in schools would strengthen emergency preparedness and help ensure that students, staff, and visitors have access to a life-saving treatment option during an anaphylactic emergency; now, therefore, be it**

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**RESOLVED, that Community Education Council District 24 calls upon Chancellor Kamar Samuels to revise Chancellor's Regulation A-715 and any related implementation guidance, training materials, and operational documents so that they explicitly include epinephrine nasal spray devices, including neffy, wherever the regulation currently refers only to epinephrine auto-injectors or injectable epinephrine devices; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that Community Education Council District 24 urges New York City Public Schools to ensure that all schools are authorized to stock and administer legally permitted epinephrine nasal spray devices in the same manner as other stock epinephrine devices, consistent with State law; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that Community Education Council District 24 requests that New York City Public Schools work with appropriate medical, legal, and operational staff to implement updated guidance on the storage, training, use, replacement, and dosage availability of epinephrine nasal spray devices in school buildings; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that Community Education Council District 24 urges New York City Public Schools to pursue available no-cost partnerships and programs, including the free school-access process for neffy, in order to make epinephrine nasal spray devices available in every school building in District 24 and across New York City; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to Chancellor Kamar Samuels, the**

Panel for Educational Policy, the New York State Department of Health, the New York State Education Department, elected officials representing District 24, and other relevant policymakers.

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## Council Vote

Adopted on: \_\_\_\_\_+

### Vote: (CEC 24) – Roll Call (Check One Per Member)

Matthew Crescio:     Support    Does Not Support    Absent    Abstain

Gina Liberta:                     Support    Does Not Support    Absent    Abstain

Anna Karwowska:    Support    Does Not Support    Absent    Abstain

Felicia McHugh:     Support    Does Not Support    Absent    Abstain

Kate Barvels:                     Support    Does Not Support    Absent    Abstain

Aliya Bonar:                     Support    Does Not Support    Absent    Abstain

Brian Augustine:    Support    Does Not Support    Absent    Abstain

Manisha Jain:                     Support    Does Not Support    Absent    Abstain

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### Final Vote Tally:

Support: \_\_\_\_\_

Do Not Support: \_\_\_\_\_

Abstain: \_\_\_\_\_

Absent: \_\_\_\_\_

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