

CDEC 26 RESOLUTIONS ON ASSEMBLY BILL A03525

Pursuant to New York State Education Law Section 2590-e subsection 14, Community District Education Council 26 holds public meetings every month during which the public may speak so that parents and the community have a voice and public forum to air their concerns. Pursuant to New York State Education Law Section 2590-e subsection 18, Community District Education Council 26 is empowered to provide input, as it deems necessary, to the Chancellor and the City Board on matter of concern to the district. Under this authority, Community District Education Council 26 sets forth the following:

Whereas, the safety of all children is a civil right;

Whereas, the safety of children living in District 26 and attending District 26 and other public schools is an important concern and priority of all members of the District 26 community;

Whereas, it is necessary to provide safety to children while they travel to and from school;

Whereas, providing safety to the community's children requires effective communication;

Whereas, cellular telephones have been used to promote such effective communication and their use has led to increased safety for the community's children;

Whereas, the responsible possession of a cell phone in no way impacts the learning process and the confiscation of cell phones for no reason other than possession is a hardship for many families.

Whereas, Assemblywoman Cathy Nolan has sponsor Bill A03525 that directs the Commissioner of Education to establish guidelines for local policies regarding the possession or use of mobile telephone in public schools and;

Whereas, the Bill requires school facilities to provide notice to all students that mobile telephone use is prohibited in a class room during regular school hours and

Whereas, the Bill provides that the cell phone may be used by a student in an emergency.

Be it resolved;

We, the members of the Community District Education Council 26 support the Bill and its passage in the Assembly.

Adopted by the CDEC of district 26 this 28th day of FEBRUARY, 2008