

## CDEC26 RESOLUTION ON CUSTODIAL BUDGET CUTS

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 matters of concern to the district. Under this authority, Community District Education Council 26 sets forth the following:

**Whereas** Schools Chancellor Joel I. Klein announced in October 2006 that the Department of Education is pursuing opportunities for greater efficiencies in facilities, transportation, and energy in order to redirect dollars to schools.

**Whereas**, starting in October, but retroactive to July 1, 2007 the Department will reduce custodial budgets by 3.5%. This reduction will yield more than \$10 million annually and is to be used to fund Empowerment Schools.

**Whereas**, since 1998, there have been two previous cuts to custodian budgets.

**Whereas**, this budget reduction shall lead to part-time and full-time employees on custodian staffs being fired or having their work hours reduced.

**Whereas**, the cleaning and maintenance responsibilities of custodian staffs will be the same after this budget and staff reduction Whereas, District 26 schools have dedicated, hard working custodians and staff members who keep our schools properly cleaned and maintained.

**Whereas**, this budget reduction will lead to less cleaning and maintenance work being done at District 26 schools, and a diminished custodian budget allotment for supplies at our schools.

**Whereas**, this budget reduction is not related to the budgetary needs of the Department of Education, rather this cut is only to provide additional funding for Empowerment schools.

**Be it resolved;**

We, the members of the Community District Education Council 26, declare the reduction of custodial budgets to be against the best interests of the children and students of District 26 and all New York City Public Schools. This reduction shall lead to our schools not being properly maintained for educating our children. We appeal to the Chancellor to end the implementation of this reduction and reimburse schools for any reduction already made.

DATED: JANUARY 9, 2007

The following custodian resolution has been approved by Jackie, Susan, Melissa, Carol, Jodi, Debbie, and me. Please send the following to all of our email recipients, also include the Chancellor, Eric Nadelstern, Tom Huser, and Brian Ellner. Please fax this announcement to Pete Maddaloni.

After much deliberation, the Community District Education Council has denounced the Department of Education's budget cuts to custodial staffs. We have declared this reduction to be an inappropriate way to give extra money to Empowerment schools and against the best interests of the children and students of District 26 and all New York City Public Schools. This reduction shall lead to our schools not being properly maintained for educating our children. As such, this is an inappropriate deprivation for the many, to benefit the few. We appeal to the Chancellor to end the implementation of this reduction and reimburse schools for any reduction already made.

Our resolution is based upon the following findings:

1. Starting in October , but retroactive to July 1, 2007 the DOE will reduce custodial budgets by 3.5%. This reduction will yield more than \$10 million annually and is to be used to provide funding for Empowerment Schools that is beyond the allotments of non-Empowerment Schools.
2. Since 1998, there have been two previous cuts to custodian budgets.
3. This budget reduction shall lead to part-time and full-time employees on custodian staffs being fired or having their work hours reduced.
4. The cleaning and maintenance responsibilities of custodian staffs will be the same after this budget and staff reduction
5. District 26 schools have dedicated hard working custodians and staff members who keep our schools properly cleaned and maintained.
6. This budget reduction will lead to less cleaning and maintenance work being done at District 26 schools, and a diminished custodian budget allotment for supplies at our schools.
7. This budget reduction is not related to the budgetary needs of the Department of Education. Rather this cut is only to provide additional general funds for Empowerment schools.