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Resolution 212

Resolution Urging NYCPS to Take Stronger Action to Protect Immigrant Students and Families from ICE

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WHEREAS, Community Education District Council 30 proudly represents some of the most ethnically diverse neighborhoods in New York City, if not the world with [nearly 50% of the population being born outside of the United States](#)¹; and

WHEREAS, [Immigration and Customs Enforcement \(ICE\) has been conducting large-scale immigrant enforcement actions and raids in New York City since January 2025](#)²; and

WHEREAS, since January 2025, [New York City Public Schools have not allowed non-local law enforcement agencies like ICE inside NYCPS buildings unless the DOE's legal team decides it's necessary](#)³; and

WHEREAS, between July 27, 2026 and August 29, 2026 “[Operation Rotten Apple](#)⁴” saw ICE kidnap nearly 2,200 people in New York State, including dozens of neighbors from District 30 neighborhoods including Corona, East Elmhurst, Jackson Heights, and Woodside, with several of these abductions taking place near District 30 public schools or playgrounds; and

WHEREAS, updated NYCPS guidance for non-local law enforcement (ICE) was released on Tuesday, September 8, 2026, only twodays before the start of the 2026-27 academic year; and

WHEREAS, coming off of a particularly violent summer of immigration raids in the community, this newly updated guidance has not been made public, leaving families unsure about what new safety measures will be implemented by schools; and

WHEREAS, our schools are uniquely positioned to provide support to families, as they already know our communities and families intimately; and



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WHEREAS, on March 10, 2025, CEC30 adopted [Resolution 189](#)⁵ reaffirming our Council's commitment to welcoming, protecting, and respecting all of our students, and demanding that NYCPS leadership resist attacks on students' civil rights and human rights;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the District 30 Superintendent's office in cooperation with CEC 30 identify what work has been or is currently being done in our schools to protect, inform and defend our vulnerable community members from ICE, which may include collaborating with school based personnel, unions, community based organizations, students, parents, and community members, so that we may identify what more can be done; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that NYCPS continue to provide Know Your Rights trainings, virtually and in person, with consideration to language access, as well as information to prepare for and respond to an emergency arising from ICE involvement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that NYCPS partner with community organizations to provide affected families with wraparound services, including mental health supports for students and families impacted by contact with ICE or by what they are seeing in the news; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all school staff, CEC members, SLTs, and PTA/PA executive board members receive regular mandatory [rapid response and community defense training](#)⁶ and are allowed to disseminate information on legal and mental health support for students and families; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that every school have an appointed Project Open Arms Point Person (POAPP) and that person be made known in order to meaningfully engage with families; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that every school should send home a letter (physically and digitally) from the Chancellor, at regular intervals, with links to resources from [Project Open Arms](#)⁷ (POA) and the [Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs](#)⁸ (MOIA), and that any backpacked notices with information about procedures and protocols to protect students and families from ICE be provided with consideration to language access; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that school-based teams (made up of staff members and parents) be formed to work in collaboration with community organizations and volunteers to create "[walking buses](#)"⁹ for vulnerable students or families; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that school-based teams (made up of staff members and parents) be formed in order to ensure that families are prepared for emergencies in various ways, including but not limited to: ensuring staff street presence at student arrival and dismissal



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times as extra support for vulnerable families who are fearful of being in public, collecting updated emergency contact information in the event that a parent is detained or deported, to rapidly respond to emergencies by connecting families with legal support information and other resources, have a plan to follow up on the status of detained parents/caregivers and students; and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all District 30 school officials, safety agents, and crossing guards can monitor and protect students, their guardians and family members right outside the school regardless of their immigration status AND within all indoor areas: classrooms, restrooms, main office and auditorium included, and ALL spaces inside the school buildings AND in the immediate vicinity of the school grounds AND including all public sidewalks adjacent to and surrounding the school building (AND within a full city block radius of the actual edifice itself) to ensure that NYCPS students and their families are safe on indoor school property as well as, on the aforementioned streets and outdoor areas surrounding the school building regardless of their immigration status; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that NYCPS and District 30 leadership will advocate for an expansion of Project Open Arms during budget season so that POA's office can actually meet the needs of our diverse students and families; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that NYCPS and District 30 leadership continue to prioritize this issue and do everything in their power to ensure that our students are safe at school regardless of their immigration status.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution will be shared with NYCPS Chancellor Kamar H. Samuels, Members of the Panel for Education Policy, Members of the City Council, and the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs.

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