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## Queens Community Board 11

Serving the Communities of Auburndale, Bayside, Douglaston, Hollis Hills  
Little Neck and Oakland Gardens

**Paul DiBenedetto** Chair / **Joseph Marziliano** District Manager

TO: All Board Members  
FROM: Jena Lanzetta, Education Committee Chair  
RE: Supportive needs of schools in the district  
DATE: November 28, 2023

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On Monday, November 27, 2023, the Education Committee held a committee meeting to discuss supportive needs of schools in the CB11 district.

### **Board Member's Present**

Jena Lanzetta, Committee Chair  
Henry Euler, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair, via Zoom  
Adriana Aviles, Committee Member  
Christina Scherer, Committee Member, via Zoom  
Sam Wong, CB11 Member

### **CB11 Staff**

Joseph Marziliano, District Manager, via Zoom  
Christina Coutinho, Community Associate

### **Guests**

Megan Colby, Principal, Benjamin Cardozo High School, via Zoom

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Ms. Lanzetta started the meeting and gave the floor to Ms. Colby, Principal, Cardozo High School. Ms. Colby gave an overview of Cardozo High School regarding enrollment, programs offered and the enhancements that the newly opened annex allows. The annex has also reduced the operating capacity from 170% to 105% in the main building.

Ms. Lanzetta inquired if there are any issues that CB11 could assist with. Ms. Colby stated that they need additional school safety agents. They started the school year with one sergeant and eight agents (in the past, they had one sergeant and twelve agents). Currently, they have one sergeant and three or four agents. Due to budget cuts, officers from the 111<sup>th</sup> Precinct that used to be posted near the school's vicinity are no longer assigned to these posts.

Mr. Marziliano stated that CB11 can advocate for additional safety agents in the City's budget process in the Fall of 2024. Ms. Aviles asked about the school safety task force. Ms. Colby replied that there is now only one task force for either Queens County or Queens North. They are now seen very rarely or only if an incident requires a response. Ms. Aviles stated that M.S.67's President's Council meeting is November 28, 2023; executive members from School Safety and members of NYPD will be present. She will bring the situation at Cardozo High School to their attention.

Ms. Lanzetta thanked Ms. Colby for attending the meeting and enlightening CB11 about the new annex, programs and the school safety issues at Cardozo High School. Mr. Euler suggested rather than wait for budget submission time next year, that a motion be made at the next full Board meeting requesting that the proper amount of school safety agents be assigned to all schools to protect students, teachers and staff. Ms. Lanzetta concurred.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted 11-28-23*