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Queens Community Board 11

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

Eileen Miller Chairperson / **Joseph Marziliano** District Manager

COMMITTEE REPORT

TO: Board Members
FROM: Albert Galatan, Chair
Education Committee
RE: Fair Funding in Community Board 11 High Schools
DATE: April 23, 2019

On April 23, 2019 at 7:30 p.m., the Education Committee met to discuss the above-referenced school funding. Present were Committee Chair Albert Galatan, Chair Eileen Miller, 3rd Vice Chair Henry Euler, Board Members, Sila Asa, Michael Golia, Roy Giusetti, Stephan Popa, and Christina Scherer, District Manager Joseph Marziliano, and Council Member Barry Grodenchik representative, David Noh.

The meeting was called to discuss follow-up on fair student funding information request from the previous year. A letter was sent on August 27, 2018 to NYC Education Committee Chair, Mark Treyger. That letter requested an in-depth answer as to why "Community Board 11's high schools are funded less by the Department of Education under the Fair Student Funding formula relative to other schools with comparable populations." A letter of response was never received.

Additional information was provided by Mr. Noh from the beginning of the year that:

"The FSF "floor" will increase to 90 percent – no school will be receiving less than 90 percent of their FSF, compared to 81 percent at the beginning of the de Blasio administration and up from the current floor of 87 percent."

Ms. Scherer stated that the reason for the disparity is that struggling schools need extra resources to better serve their children. Also, the higher performing schools' budgets are under the additional strain from the weight of better-paid teachers.

Mrs. Miller stated that the system itself makes sense, but the Board is entitled to information to better understand it. Some sort of follow up is necessary.

Mrs. Miller made a motion to rewrite the previous letter to reflect the updated funding numbers and have it sent to Mayor de Blasio, with current local, elected officials copied. The motion was seconded by Mr. Galatan.

A hand vote was taken and the motion passed with eight in favor, and none opposed.

Mr. Popa stated that it would be easier to advocate for increased funding for the CB 11 high schools for specific programmatic needs and not just for aggregate funding parity. Mr. Euler agreed with that sentiment.

Mrs. Miller made a motion to ask that the local high schools of Community Board 11 make requests for specific programmatic funding during the NYC Capital and Expense Budget Season. The motion was seconded by Ms. Asa.

A hand vote was taken and the motion passed with eight in favor, and none opposed.

The Committee Meeting Adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by,
Joseph Marziliano
District Manager
April 25, 2019*