



THE CITYWIDE COUNCIL ON HIGH SCHOOLS  
THE NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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**RESOLUTION 2015-R1**

**CCHS REQUESTS THAT THE NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
IMMEDIATELY SUSPEND IT'S "CREDIT RECOVERY' PROGRAM.**

Sponsor: Miguel Rodriguez

**WHEREAS;** because each NYC Public High School implements its own version of the "Credit Recovery" program, it's difficult to track and ensure that they are complying with NYC Department of Education Rules,

**WHEREAS;** because of lack of accountability, some high schools may have perpetrated a form of fraud when using their "Credit Recovery: programs;

**WHEREAS;** the general news reports that the administration of specific high schools appeared to use their Credit Recovery programs to help boost the achievement level of their student body; and

**WHEREAS;** because of these issues, NYC School's Chancellor Carmen Farina, has appointed a special Task Force to investigate the misuse of the "Credit Recovery" program;

**WHEREAS;** there is still a need for some students to have true Credit Recovery services so they can properly complete their high education; therefore be it

**RESOLVED;** that the Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS) request that the formal "Credit Recovery" program be immediately suspended pending the results of the investigation by the Task Force and to phase out existing guidelines by the 2016-2017 school year. In addition, we request that, as an interim measure, the Department of Education implements targeted solutions to meet specific credit recovery needs. One way this can be done would be to encourage students to retake the failed course during the summer, evening or by providing an online course. Students and parents should be counseled to the options available to make up courses as soon as the student fails the course and not wait until a credit evaluation is done before senior year. We request that the final report be presented to the public for discussion during a CCHS calendar meeting; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED;** that the Citywide Council on High Schools would like the Chancellor's Task Force to include as part of its final report, a summary of interim measures used to support Credit Recovery needs of current students, what intervention methods/guidelines will the DOE provide in the future so a school can intervene when a student is in danger of failing a course, and to explain whether use of the formal "Credit Recovery" program was increased after the NYS Department of Education accepted the "Race to the Top" funding in order implement the Common Core or if there were other root causes.

*Adopted by the Citywide Council on High Schools on October 14th, 2015*