



# Citywide Council On High Schools

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## Calendar Meeting Wednesday, November 12, 2014

### ATTENDANCE

<b>Brooklyn Representative</b>	<b><i>Vacant</i></b>	
<b>Brooklyn Representative</b>	Marianne Russo	Present
<b>Bronx Representative</b>	Constance Asiedu	Present
<b>Bronx Representative</b>	Neyda Franco	<b><i>Absent</i></b>
<b>Manhattan Representative</b>	Monica Bajraktarevic	Present
<b>Manhattan Representative</b>	Elizabeth Veras	Present
<b>Queens Representative</b>	Alleyne Hughley	Present
<b>Queens Representative</b>	Michelle Gebrail	<b><i>Absent</i></b>
<b>Staten Island Representative</b>	Andrew Dorman	Present
<b>Staten Island Representative</b>	Don McQueen	<b><i>Absent</i></b>
<b>Public Advocate Appointee</b>	Theresa Hedrington	Present
<b>CCSE Appointee</b>	Noah Kaufman	Present
<b>CCELL Appointee</b>	<b><i>Vacant</i></b>	
<b>Student Representative</b>	<b><i>Vacant</i></b>	
<b>Superintendent Liaison</b>	Karen Watts	Present

### In Attendance

We have quorum. Neyda Franco, Michelle Gebrail and Don McQueen has an unexcused absence.

## CALENDAR MEETING

Call to order by Acting President Ms. Hughley at 6:00 pm.

### Program Presentation

#### **JAZZ Band Performance by Students of The Brooklyn H.S. of the Arts**

***With:*** Principal Margaret Lacey Berman and Music Teacher John Scandone

Seventeen students of the Jazz Band for The Brooklyn H.S. of the Arts along with their Music teacher John Scandone performed three songs for the CCHS meeting, in which they received a standing ovation for their delightful musical performance. After the performance Ms. Hughley presented the principal, the music teacher and all seventeen students with an Appreciation Certificate from the council.

**Office of School Intervention and Development Presenters:** Mark Rampersant  
(*Director of School Safety and Administrative Support, NYCDOE*), Frank Jordan and Vincent Di Gaetano  
(2 Borough Safety Directors, NYCDOE)

The Director of School Safety and Administrative Support Mark Rampersant introduced his two Borough Safety Directors: Vincent Di Gaetano director for Bronx and Frank Jordan director for Staten Island and Brooklyn.

Mr. Rampersant said that his directors will speak about the general response protocols and Town Hall Meetings on security and the notification systems in place for emergency situations. Mr. Di Gaetano presented what's under the office of Safety and Youth Development at the Department of Education. The office supports: Guidance and Crisis support, created and maintained Safety Plans for each school, Gang prevention, Attendance outreach, Gang prevention, Cyber Bullying, Substance abused, Respect for All, and the Discipline codes. The office works with all of the stakeholders: parents and staff, the Fire and Police Department along with the Office of Emergency Management to obtain a culture of preparedness.

Mr. Jordan talked about the GRP (General Response Protocol) summary sheet for Teachers and Students. Each protocol has specific staff and student actions that are unique to each response. In the event that a student or staff member identifies the initial threat, calling 911 and administration is required.

There are three circle graphic symbols on the chart. **The first one is a red symbol with a lock for: Soft lockdown** implies that there is no identified imminent danger to the sweep teams. Administrative teams, Building Response Teams, and School Safety Agents will mobilize at the designated command post for further direction. **Hard lockdown** implies that imminent danger is known and NO ONE will engage in any building sweep activity. **The second symbol is a green circle with three white figures holding hands for: Evacuate** – The fire alarm system is the initial alert for staff and students to initiate an evacuation. However, there may be times when the PA system and specific directions will serve as the alert initiating an evacuation. Announcements will begin with “Attention” and be followed with specific directions. **The third symbol is a yellow circle with white graphic with a roof and figure under the roof for: Shelter-In** – “Attention. This is a shelter-in. Secure the exit doors.” They also spoke about the City-Wide Notification Systems. For more information please see attached powerpoint.

**Office of Student Enrollment: Presenter:** Amy M. Basile (*Executive Director, High School Admissions*)

*High School Admissions Overview* is for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and first time 9<sup>th</sup> grade students from the following schools: Public, Private or Parochial, Charter and Home Schooled students. In New York City we have over 700 HS programs in 430 High Schools across the city where you have one application for the student's top 12 schools they would like to get into. The applications is due on December 2 and the results available in early March. And the other application is for testing for entrance into the Specialized HS programs of 8 testing schools; 1 audition school (LaGuardia). One offered is based on each student's combined scaled score, school preference, and seat availability providing the students scored a score above a determine cut off point. They also have screened, unscreened and zone programs.

#### **2013-2014 Round 1 statistics:**

- ❖ **45%** of students received an offer to their first choice
- ❖ **84%** received an offer to one of their top five choices
- ❖ **90%** received an offer to one of their choices
- ❖ **10%** did not receive an offer

In the event the student does not get a match under Round 1, they will then apply during the Round 2 process.

*Each year about 10% of the students, over 8000 students do not get a school match.* Students then can participate in Round 2 by filling out a Round 2 application and choosing a new list of programs based upon seat availability.

A Round 2 offer will replace a Round 1 offer; students should only apply to programs they prefer over their Round 1 offer. All students receive an offer at the end of Round 2. They offer accommodations to students with IEP's, approved 504 plans, and English Language Learner students for the Specialized High School Admissions Test (SHSAT). Students may also request accommodations for all schools with audition programs or for schools that administer tests required for admission. ELA test scores are illegal to use as a form of student placement. For more information please see attached powerpoint.

### **Superintendent Report**

Ms. Watts announced the Mayor and the Chancellor's new program, "School Renewal Program," where struggling schools get additional support to help them achieved their goals. Ms. Watts has three schools in her district that is currently enroll in that program with outside partnerships to assist the school in turning them around.

**Carron Staple** the Bronx Superintendent for Districts 8, 9 and 11 reported that there are five schools in her districts that is enrolled in the "School Renewal Program." Four schools in District 9 and one school in District 8 are currently in this program.

**Michael Prayor** the Brooklyn Superintendent for Districts 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22. Mr. Prayor announced the third Brooklyn Superintendent **Donald Conyers** for Brooklyn and Queens in Districts 19, 23, 26, 27 and 29.

**Donald Conyers** the Superintendent for Brooklyn and Queens introduced himself at the meeting. He has a new District Family Advocate her name is Lisa Pineda her email is [LPineda@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:LPineda@schools.nyc.gov).

**Mark Moses** the District Family Advocate for Districts 17, 18, 20, 21 and 22 introduced himself at the meeting. His email is [MMoses4@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:MMoses4@schools.nyc.gov).

### **Members' Report**

Ms. Hedrington made a motion to table the member's report to next meeting. Ms. Russo 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. 8-Yes, 0-No and 0- Abstain. Motion pass.

Yes	Asiedu, Bajraktarevic, Dorman, Hedrington, Hughley, Kaufman, Russo, Veras
No	None
Abstained	None

### **President's Report**

Ms. Hughley will forgo the president's report due to time constraints.

Ms. Russo made a motion to hold a special meeting on December 2 to have a final interview for the Brooklyn Candidate. 2nd to hold an Annual Election for the CCHS Executive Board and to vote for the Brooklyn Rep. Thirdly to have a business meeting to finish the November agenda. Ms. Bajraktarevic 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. 8-Yes, 0-No and 0- Abstain. Motion pass.

Yes	Asiedu, Bajraktarevic, Dorman, Hedrington, Hughley, Kaufman, Russo, Veras
No	None
Abstained	None

Noah made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Theresa 2nd the motion.

**Calendar meeting adjourned at 9:06 pm.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

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**S. Mei Chan**  
**Administrative Assistant**

**Revision made by President: Alleyne Hughley**

**Approved by Council vote on** \_\_\_\_\_

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