

## Public Comment Analysis

Date: October 29, 2013

Topic: Proposed Amendments to Chancellor's Regulation D-170

Date of Panel Vote: October 30, 2013

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### **Summary of Proposed Amendments to Chancellor's Regulation D-170**

Chancellor's Regulation D-170 governs the New York City Department of Education's ("DOE's") process for the nomination and selection of members of the Citywide Council on English Language Learners ("CCELL") including filling vacancies. Proposed amendments to the regulation were posted on September 13, 2013 and October 15, 2013.

The proposed amendments are as follows:

- Candidate eligibility requirements have been updated to provide that nominees must be parents of students in a bilingual or ESL program, or students who were in such a program within the preceding two years, with eligibility being determined as of the date that the parent submits an application to run for a position on the CCELL.
- Nominees are required to list information on their application regarding each public school where they currently have a child enrolled in a bilingual or ESL program, and/or had a child enrolled in such a program within the preceding two years.
- A nominee will be considered a representative of each district where the nominee has a child enrolled in a bilingual or ESL program, and/or had a child enrolled in such a program within the preceding two years.
- No more than eight nominees who are not the parents of current ELL students may be selected to the CCELL.
- If more than eight nominees who are not the parents of current ELL students are selected, the eight such nominees with the highest number of votes will be deemed selected, subject to the restriction described in Section V.A.2.c, and all other nominees who are not the parents of current ELL students will be removed from consideration.

**Summaries of Issues Raised in Written and Oral Comments and Significant Alternatives Suggested**

Comments received are summarized as follows:

The regulation should allow for the CCELL to contain more parent members who are not current parents of ELL students, but who have been parents of such students within the preceding two years.

**Analysis of Issues Raised, Significant Alternatives Proposed, and Changes Made to the Proposal**

On October 15, 2013, the DOE accepted the change, and revised the regulation accordingly. The following language was added to expand the number of former ELL parents that may be seated on the CCELL from four to eight:

- “No more than eight nominees who are not the parents of current ELL students may be selected to the CCELL. If more than eight nominees who are not the parents of current ELL students are selected, the eight such nominees with the highest number of votes will be deemed selected, subject to the restriction described in Section V.A.2.c, and all other nominees who are not the parents of current ELL students will be removed from consideration.”

Accordingly, the DOE will present the proposed regulation to the PEP with the amended changes.

A copy of the proposed regulation can be obtained at:

<http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2013-2014/Oct30Regs>