

Date: January 19, 2016

Topic: Community Schools Policy

Date of Panel Vote: January 20, 2016

Summary of Proposed Item

The New York City Department of Education views Community Schools as a central strategy for achieving an equitable educational system. The Community Schools initiative builds on the Department of Education's (DOE's) Framework for Great Schools and is aligned with the administration's efforts focusing on youth and families, including expanding full-day pre-kindergarten to every four-year-old, offering after-school programs to every middle school student, and improving school climate.

Community Schools offer an integrated focus on academics, health and mental health services, youth development, expanded learning opportunities, and family and community supports to ensure students are ready and able to learn.

The Community Schools Policy articulates the common values, features, elements, outcomes, and results that the Department expects in DOE-supported Community Schools.

Summary of Issues Raised and Significant Alternatives Suggested

The DOE received no written or oral comments during the public comment period regarding the proposed Community Schools Policy, and no significant alternatives have been suggested.

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

The DOE received no written or oral comments during the public comment period regarding the proposed Community Schools Policy, and has made no changes to the Policy.

The Policy, as posted on the DOE website on December 04, 2015, will be presented to the Panel at the January 20, 2016 Panel meeting, and is available at:



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Carmen Fariña, Chancellor

Public Comment Analysis

http://schools.nyc.gov/NR/ronlyres/578AEF6D-5B99-4AE8-8874-9B888B6390CA/190476/NYCDOECommunitySchoolsPolicy_Revised.pdf