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Youth and Education Committee Tuesday, March 12, 2019, 6:30 p.m. Board Office

*** Minutes***

Present: David Giordano, John Green, Thomas Herrera (staff), Yolanda Brown, Malik McCullough, Elsie Encarnacion, Lilybelle Gonzalez, Jada Heredia

Absent: N/A

Excused: Jason Villanueva

Guests: Paul Dawkins, NYSOM; Dimandja Utshudi, DANY

1. Call to Order– Adoption of the Agenda

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Presentations & Discussions

- a. NYC Department of Education (DOE) to present on the inclusion of specialized high schools.

Michele Martinez-Gugerli, of The Department of Education came and gave a presentation on the changed that will be coming to the specialized high school process. The process will is aimed at phasing out the test process and expanding the invite to apply, which is an invitation given to only the top 3% of performing middle schoolers in the city to apply without testing, from 3%-7%. They will also begin to reach out to students who fall slightly below the threshold of passing the exam and have a program for those students called the Discovery Program. The committee had concerns regarding the process and providing adequate support for this program. The committee will be following up on this accordingly.

3. New Business

a. Foundation Aid

John Green made a motion to send a letter to Governor Andrew Cuomo requesting the full funding of \$4.1 Billion in Foundation Aid, **state aid provided on a formula basis for every New York State school district**, including the \$1.2 billion of that is owed to New York City. The motion was seconded by Shawn Smith and passed unanimously.

b. Community discussion on response to the FY 2020 Preliminary Budget

The committee reviewed the budget and provided responses to the Mayor.

4. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm