

Public Hearings on NYC Class Size Reduction and Contracts for Excellence Plan

As the result of a lawsuit, DOE is holding borough hearings for the first time in years to gain feedback from parents and teachers on the use of more than \$500 million in state funds awarded DOE – with the requirement that officials also submit a plan to lower class size.

Yet ever since the Contracts for Excellence law was passed, class sizes have increased and are now the largest in 15 years in grades K-3 and the largest in grades 4-8 since 2002.

Despite the legal requirement that the city lower class size, and Mayor de Blasio's promise to do so during his campaign, the DOE's proposed plan makes NO targeted allocations specifically for this purpose.

Class size reduction is the #1 priority of parents citywide, according to the DOE's own surveys, and the constitutional right of NYC children according to the state's highest court.

Come and make your voices heard in every borough!

MANHATTAN	BROOKLYN	BRONX	STATEN ISLAND	QUEENS
TUESDAY, June 17th 7:00-9:00 p.m. STUYVESANT High School 345 Chambers St. at the Westside Highway	WEDNESDAY, June 18th 6:30-8:30 p.m. EDWARD R. MURROW High School 1600 Avenue L between E. 15th — E.17th Streets	THURSDAY, June 19th 6:30-8:30 p.m. MIDDLE SCHOOL 223 360 E. 145th St. between Willis & Third Avenues	MONDAY, June 23rd 6:30-8:30 p.m. PETRIDIS COMPLEX 715 Ocean Terrace near Milford Drive & Safety City Blvd.	WEDNESDAY, June 25th 6:30-8:30 p.m. LONG ISLAND CITY High School 14-30 Broadway at 14th Street in Long Island City

Information about the City's preliminary plan is here:

<http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/funding/c4e/2014-15.htm>

THE DEADLINE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT IS JULY 19th.

Comments may be submitted at the hearings or by emailing:

ContractsForExcellence@schools.nyc.gov.

For more information on the city's legal and moral obligation to reduce class size, contact **Class Size Matters** at:

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