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## **RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE NEW YORK CITY'S PLAN TO USE PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDINGS TO TEMPORARILY PROVIDE IMMEDIATE RELIEF TO ASYLUM SEEKERS**

The Community and Citywide Education Councils (CCECs) are composed of parents who have been elected or appointed to serve as stakeholders of NYC School Community Districts, and specific cohorts of students, representing NYC public school students and their families.

The following resolution offers CEC19's position to oppose the New York City (NYC)'s plan to use Public School Facilities to temporarily provide immediate relief to Asylum Seekers

**WHEREAS**, Community School District 19 serves as a vital resource to its families by providing free clinic services including primary care, mental health, and dental services directly to their students; and

**WHEREAS**, Community School District 19 is considered an underserved community wherein many families still struggle with food insecurities and lack of resources; and

**WHEREAS**, Community School District 19 students will lose accessibility to their physical education space; and

**WHEREAS**, asylum seekers deserve a place of shelter that affords them dignity, respect and basic needs, such as showers

**WHEREAS**, alternative sites for shelters would better suit the needs of asylum seekers; and

**WHEREAS**, the school community has not been notified what "temporary" relief entails, what supports will be offered to the community, what funding will be offered, what safety measures will be taken to protect the school community and the Asylum Seekers, or whether the conditions in which the Asylum Seekers have been placed are humane; and

**WHEREAS**, parents, advocates, students, community members and elected officials must be notified and consulted when making decisions directly impacting children in the most transparent and accountable manner; and

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT, CEC 19** strongly encourages Mayor Adams and Chancellor Banks to revisit housing Asylum Seekers or any individuals in NYC Public Schools and the process for housing Asylum Seekers or any individuals in the school facilities without proper communication and stakeholders' input.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, CEC 19** opposes the use of school facilities for any purpose other than the schools intended use without prior engagement of all involved stakeholders.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the above resolution was unanimously voted and passed on **June 14, 2023** by the following Community Education Council of District 19 members: Joyce French, Parchell Halloway, Sefrina Boodram, Tion Prescott, Evelyn Pugh and Tabatha Foster.