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Resolution Opposing the Chancellor's Policy of Closing Schools and Calling for an Immediate Moratorium on all NYC School Closings

**Approved by Unanimous Vote of Members Present (7-0)
at the January 18, 2012 CEC3 Calendar Meeting**

WHEREAS, closing schools is a failed model; and

WHEREAS, a grading system applied to schools for the purpose of closing them down is scientifically unsupportable, pedagogically unsound and morally reprehensible; and

WHEREAS, the Chancellor's determination that a school is "failing" devastates our educational communities and causes irreparable harm to our students; and

WHEREAS, the practice of closing schools disenfranchises, dislocates and displaces students and thereby denies them an equal opportunity for an education; and

WHEREAS, we believe the policy of closing schools reflects a failure of the Chancellor to fulfill the duty of his office to support our schools; and

WHEREAS, we believe that when the Chancellor enacts a policy of closing schools he fails to protect the U.S. Constitutional rights of our students to realize equality of human dignity, equality of due process and equality of opportunity; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the District 3 Community Education Council, at this time, unequivocally opposes the truncation, phase-out or closing of any public school under the jurisdiction of the Chancellor in all NYC Community School Districts and Citywide Districts.

RESOLVED, That the District 3 Community Education Council calls upon the NYC Chancellor of Education, the NYC Mayor, the New York State Commissioner of Education, and the Chancellor of the New York State Board of Regents to place an immediate moratorium on all school closings in New York City.

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Submitted by Laurie Frey 1/11/12