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## Resolution Vol. 12 P No. 5 Calling for the Creation of a New District 3 Middle School

Approved at the April 4, 2012 CEC3 Calendar Meeting by a Unanimous Vote of the 9 Members Present (8 In Favor/0 Opposed/Abstain) Council Member Deen Abstained

**WHEREAS,** the elementary school population of Community School District 3 (District 3) has experienced significant growth over the past several years;

**WHEREAS,** thousands of newly constructed apartments, many of which are family units, have and will continue to, contribute to the growth of the school population in District 3;

**WHEREAS**, the existing middle school structure in the district does not adequately support the current and projected elementary school population of District 3;

WHEREAS, the current plans for the new school at the Riverside Center Development (for which the timing is as yet uncertain) are not adequate to meet the current and projected need for middle school seats in District 3;

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Education (DOE) has established as a central goal the creation of new school options that will better serve future students and the community at large;

**WHEREAS,** DOE has stated that it strives to ensure that all students in New York City have access to a high-quality school at every step of their education;

**WHEREAS,** the population growth in District 3 necessitates a new, diverse middle school option that will serve all future District 3 students;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that CECD3 demands that the DOE work with the District 3 community to create a new district non-charter middle school that helps to satisfy the increasing demand for additional middle school seats;

**BE IT RESOVED**, that CECD3 demands that this school be established in a way that students from the entirety of District 3, granting all students equal opportunities to be recruited, to apply and to enroll.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that CECD3 demands that this school be created in time to be included in the regular middle school choice admission process for District 3 in 2012-13, and to be opened in time for September 2013 admission;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that CECD3 demands that DOE find an appropriate and adequate space for the new middle school in District 3, and the DOE consider incubating a school in one space and moving it to another space, if necessary in order to be open for 2013.