



# DISTRICT 3 COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL

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## CEC3 Resolution Vol. 14 No. 7

### Regarding Metal Detectors in the MLK Complex and Brandeis Building

Approved at the November 20, 2014 CEC3 Calendar Meeting

by a unanimous roll call vote of the Council Members present (6 in favor/ 0 opposed)

*(Absent from vote: Deen, Gill, Gotbaum, Sweeting-DeCaro)*

**Whereas**, there are two high school complexes in D3 that have metal detectors: MLK complex, which houses seven high schools, and Brandeis building, which houses four high schools;

**Whereas**, the neighborhoods surrounding these buildings, the schools and the student populations have all changed since the metal detectors were initially installed 17 years ago;

**Whereas**, parents and students who tour these schools often discount them as a choice for their children because they perceive them as being unsafe, thus superficially reducing the choices of D3 students who wish to remain in D3;

**Whereas**, metal detectors create long lines of students waiting to pass through the metal detectors at the beginning of the school day, making them late for classes;

**Whereas**, the use of metal detectors necessitates the prohibition of cell phones in the buildings, many times making students pay to check their cell phones at corner delis, cell phone storage trucks and other establishments, and causing many students financial hardship;

**Whereas**, the CEC3 High School Admissions Committee has requested crime rate data from the NYPD School Safety Division;

**Whereas**, a collective effort on the part of DOE, the 20<sup>th</sup> Precinct Schools Youth Officer, NYPD School Safety Division, Schools Supervisor and local elected officials is necessary to evaluate the need for, and the possible removal of, the metal detectors; now, therefore be it

**Resolved**, That CEC3 recommends that DOE, the 20<sup>th</sup> Precinct Schools Youth Officer, NYPD School Safety Division, Schools Supervisor and local elected officials review the crime rate data of MLK and Brandeis high school complexes and re-evaluate the need for, and the possible removal of, the metal detectors in these buildings, taking into account the change in the neighborhoods and student populations.