



## ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**SUBJECT:** Governance of the New York City School District

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this hearing is to examine the overall effectiveness of mayoral control of the New York City School District

#### **New York City**

Monday, December 16, 2019

11:00 A.M.

Assembly Hearing Room

250 Broadway, Room 1923, 19<sup>th</sup> Floor

New York, New York 10007

Chapter 91 of the Laws of 2002 and Chapter 123 of 2003 established a centralized, mayoral control system of governance for the New York City School District. In 2019, the legislature extended the provisions of mayoral control for three years, until June 30, 2022, and included provisions to increase parental involvement on the Panel for Education Policy and Community District Education Council. This hearing will be the first in a series of hearings and other informational forums throughout the City of New York to assess the effectiveness of mayoral control of the New York City School District and hear from stakeholders on the ways to address the inequities in our schools and improve student performance.

The purpose of this hearing is to comprehensively examine the overall effectiveness of mayoral control of the New York City School District and to identify issues pertaining to school governance in New York City. This will allow the Committee to focus subsequent hearings on specific topics in order to examine possible reforms to mayoral control.

Persons wishing to present testimony should complete and return the enclosed reply form no later than Wednesday, December 11, 2019. It is important that the reply form be fully completed and returned so that persons may be notified in the event of emergency postponement or cancellation.

Oral testimony will be limited to **five (5) minutes** duration. Witnesses are encouraged not to read their statements verbatim, but to instead summarize the key points raised therein. In preparing the order of witnesses, the Committee will attempt to accommodate individual requests to speak at particular times in view of special circumstances. These requests should be made on the attached reply form or communicated to Committee staff as early as possible.

**Twenty (20) copies** of any prepared testimony should be submitted at the hearing registration desk. The Committee would appreciate advance receipt of prepared statements.

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**Michael R. Benedetto**  
**Member of Assembly**  
**Chair**  
**Committee on Education**

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I plan to attend the public hearing on Governance of the New York City School District to be conducted by the New York State Assembly Committee on Education on Monday, December 16, 2019.

I plan to make a public statement at the hearing. My statement will be limited to **five (5) minutes**, and I will answer any questions which may arise. I will provide **twenty (20)** copies of my prepared statement.

I will address my remarks to the following subjects:

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