



## **ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

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

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this hearing is to examine best practices utilized by other school districts which may be implemented in the New York City School District

Thursday, October 14, 2021  
10:00 AM  
Assembly Hearing Room  
250 Broadway, Room 1923, 19th Floor  
New York, New York 10007

### **ORAL TESTIMONY BY INVITATION ONLY**

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 second 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 examine best practices utilized by other school districts which may be implemented in the New York City School District. This hearing will allow the Committee to receive testimony detailing governance structures which have been employed by other school districts to address inequities in schools and improve student performance.

Persons invited to present pertinent testimony to the Committee at the above hearing should complete and return the enclosed reply form as soon as possible. It is important that the reply form be fully completed and returned so that persons may be notified of means by which to testify and/or in the event of emergency postponement or cancellation.

Oral testimony will be limited to 5 minutes' duration. 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.

Ten copies of any prepared testimony should be submitted at the hearing registration desk. The Committee would appreciate advance receipt of prepared statements.

Attendees and participants at any legislative public hearing should be aware that these proceedings are video recorded. Their likenesses may be included in any video coverage shown on television or the internet.

In order to further publicize these hearings, please inform interested parties and organizations of the Committee's interest in hearing testimony from all sources.

In order to meet the needs of those who may have a disability, the Assembly, in accordance with its policy of non-discrimination on the basis of disability, as well as the 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), has made its facilities and services available to all individuals with disabilities. For individuals with disabilities, accommodations will be provided, upon reasonable request, to afford such individuals access and admission to Assembly facilities and activities.

This will be an in-person hearing. Masks may be required depending on policies governing access to the Assembly Hearing Room in 250 Broadway on October 14, 2021.

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

**PUBLIC HEARING REPLY FORM**

Testimony will only be taken upon approval by the Committee Chair. Individuals who have been invited to present testimony are requested to complete this reply form as soon as possible but no later than Friday, October 8, 2021 and mail, email, or fax it to:

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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 Thursday, October 14, 2021
- I have been invited to make a public statement at the hearing. My statement will be limited to 5 minutes, and I will answer any questions which may arise. **I will provide 10 copies of my prepared statement.**
- I will address my remarks to the following subjects:

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- I do not plan to attend the above hearing.
- I would like to be added to the Committee mailing list for notices and reports.
- I would like to be removed from the Committee mailing list.
- I will require assistance and/or handicapped accessibility information. **Please specify the type of assistance required:**

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