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Mike Adank	CCD75	Citywide Council for District 75 (CCD75)	75Q752	NO	YES	As a single father of a teenager, recently enrolled into District 75, I find being involved in my son's education a top priority. The best way to enrich and improve the school system is to get involved. I'm a passionate community member, fundraiser, and advocate. Originally from Wisconsin, I've been a New Yorker for 8 years now - working professionally in the Broadway community. Also in this time, I've helped raise over \$35,000 for various non-profits and charity events. My own high school involvement included: Student Council Vice President, Editor of the Yearbook, Senior Editor of the Newspaper, Drama Club President, 4-year member of the Future Business Leaders of America, and Photography Club member. I enjoy New York's culture and am extremely motivated to give back to this community. The future rests on our children and I want to give them the best opportunities possible to succeed. I believe in a fair and inclusive education for all and will be a proud voice for our students.
Yanira Alameda	CCD75	Citywide Council for District 75 (CCD75)	02M425	NO	NO	
Yanira Alameda	CCD75	Citywide Council for District 75 (CCD75)	75M811	YES	NO	
CHRISTI ANGEL	CCD75	Citywide Council for District 75 (CCD75)	75Q177	YES	NO	<p>Applicant Background: I am an involved parent of a special needs child who is in a District 75 school. I have worked with several agencies supporting my son such as AHRC, QSAC, and Hand in Hand Services, and am currently an independent parent advocate. I have been through the Front Door and I've had the pleasure of reviewing academic websites for parents for my son's school, and currently have a website and app in the process to further support our community of parents and caregivers. I believe every child needs someone willing to fiercely advocate for them while working to provide access, tools, support, and appropriate education. I have a bachelor's degree from Middle Tennessee State University in Mass Communications and an MBA from Metropolitan College of NYC in Media Management. I have worked at the AI Gore Research Center and pride myself on being resolution oriented.</p> <p>Personal Statement: Having a child with a diagnosis leads us all on varying journeys. I am passionate about our children, their needs, education, and accountability. There are so many families in need, families who are lost in this journey who need a voice. I champion the little guy. I am a team worker always looking to collaborate, adapt and effect change. I am committed not only to my own son but to those of us who also need someone to lean on in the process. I am familiar with OPT issues, IEP parent advocacy, ABA services, Commhab, and Respite services. I am diligently working to make sure our children at home or school receive the education promised even within this current climate. I advocate fiercely for my son and any child that needs me. My advocacy has produced tangible results (such as gaining services and resources through the impartial hearing process.) I would love the opportunity to stand in support of our children, parents, and community at large.</p>



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NAOMY BAPTISTE	CCD75	Citywide Council for District 75 (CCD75)	17K221	NO	NO	My name is Naomy Baptiste, and I would like to be elected to serve on Community Education Council within district 17. I have a son that is goes to P.S. 221 and he is in the 2nd grade. I am active on the Parents and Teachers Association, and on School Leadership Team. I am currently serving as a Council Member of the CEC and have assisted in bring two (2) district 75 schools to district 17 and would like to continue with bring programs like this one and a few more to this school district that are so needed. I also love working with parents to get the things that are needed in this school district so we do not have to travel out of our way to get the services needed for our children.
NAOMY BAPTISTE	CCD75	Citywide Council for District 75 (CCD75)	75K140	YES	NO	My name is Naomy Baptiste, and I would like to be elected to serve on Community Education Council within district 17. I have a son that is goes to P.S. 221 and he is in the 2nd grade. I am active on the Parents and Teachers Association, and on School Leadership Team. I am currently serving as a Council Member of the CEC and have assisted in bring two (2) district 75 schools to district 17 and would like to continue with bring programs like this one and a few more to this school district that are so needed. I also love working with parents to get the things that are needed in this school district so we do not have to travel out of our way to get the services needed for our children.
Danielle Barker	CCD75	Citywide Council for District 75 (CCD75)	75Q256	YES	NO	Hi, My name is Danielle Barker. I am a veteran of the US NAVY . I am a mother of a special education/district 75 student who is currently in kindergarten. I am running for special education/D75 council because I believe that special needs children deserve chance at a great education and with the right tools and resources they can. Education is important to all and being in special education/D75 should be no different. I want to help end the stigma and negativity that children in special education face. I believe in NY, and I believe in the NYC public school system.
JULIE BARRETO	CCD75	Citywide Council for District 75 (CCD75)	75X168	YES	YES	Hello everybody, My name is Julie, I am a single mother of 2 precious boys, 3 and 5 years old. My kids go to special school. I have been learning and still learning how to help my kids with their needs from their therapist, psychologists, pediatrician, neurologist, therapy group for parents who have kids with special needs, teachers and parents, I do feel that if I elect to be an educational Council of the Department of Education, I can speak behalf parents who DOESNT KNOW ABOUT ALL THE BENEFITS THAT THEIR KIDS HAVE AND NEED TO RECEIVE. I do like to help others without nothing in exchange, every place I go, I listen, pay attention and learn to share with others. I would like to improve the quality of life that those kids and my kids have. I am not an expert but I am willing to learn, teach and express my own experiences to the community.
SAFIYA BISHOP	CCD75	Citywide Council for District 75 (CCD75)	13K492	YES	NO	As a mother with 2 children in the Public School system, I understand how important it is for your voice to be heard. As a parent of 2 children with IEP's, I also understand how important it is to be part of the educational process. Over the years I have made it a priority to be actively engaged with my children's schools and look forward to taking it to the next step by joining an Educational Council. I know I have the passion and drive to be a valuable asset to our district.
SAFIYA BISHOP	CCD75	Citywide Council for District 75 (CCD75)	75K396	YES	NO	As a mother with 2 children in the Public School system, I understand how important it is for your voice to be heard. As a parent of 2 children with IEP's, I also understand how important it is to be part of the educational process. Over the years I have made it a priority to be actively engaged with my children's schools and look forward to taking it to the next step by joining an Educational Council. I know I have the passion and drive to be a valuable asset to our district.
PHILLIPPA BOWDEN	CCD75	Citywide Council for District 75 (CCD75)	75X723	YES	NO	I am a single parent of 3 children, 2 of which is a college graduates. I have a 9 years old son who has so many struggles. I also work with children with special needs in a private setting. I am a advocate for my son to try to get him in the right setting that fit for him. I believe that every child with disabilities deserve to be place in an setting that will meet all their needs. As a parent I will do my best to represent all the children of New York City.

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CONSTANTINA BURROWS	CCD75	Citywide Council for District 75 (CCD75)	75Q256	YES	NO	Hello my name is Ms. Constantina Burrow I have five children and all have went to nyc public schools My eldest son had an IEP throughout his school years He now has a Bachelor's degree in graphic arts My youngest is in district 75 now You have to have a special type of heart to with these children I really appreciate all the staff that works with them. Now more than ever I would love to work with the board for these children and parents Just here to be helpful to all parties that work with this board Thank you for your time
MYRTELLE CADET	CCD75	Citywide Council for District 75 (CCD75)	75Q075	YES	NO	Having served on the Community Council for Special Education in 2015-2017, I welcome the opportunity to serve again on an Education Council for 2021-2023. As a member, I attended monthly meetings at the office of the Superintendent, visited schools and voted on various district issues.
Diana Carpio	CCD75	Citywide Council for District 75 (CCD75)	75Q993	YES	NO	I decided to apply because I have a special needs son who is 7 years old. I am a great advocate for my son and which as a parent i can relate with other parents who has special needs. I am just giving it a try, maybe my voice can make a difference.
MERCY CASTRO	CCD75	Citywide Council for District 75 (CCD75)	75Q075	NO	NO	
JO ANN CHARLES	CCD75	Citywide Council for District 75 (CCD75)	75M226	YES	NO	With gratitude, I decided to apply for a seat with the Education Council. I have a Masters degree in Public Health and presently pursuing a doctoral degree in Public health. I am passionate about my son's needs and his future goals with the DOE. My passion lies with the health and well-being for all communities, especially the special needs community. The goal is to one day be a Global Ambassdor to help educate families raising children on the spectrum of Autism. So many families have language barriers and are unable to tap into all the resources available to them. Hence, provided this opportunity to have a voice to make effective policies and initiate change strategies is one step closer to helping the underserved. Today, public health has been in the forefront due to the Coronavirus pandemic. As a public health professional, I believe this is my life's passion and purpose to bring awareness to the perils that effect our communities. Everyone deserves equal treatment in terms of resources afforded through the DOE. I believe along with my passion and determination to work collaboratively with other council members, we can make a difference with the selected population of students. Looking forward to this opportunity. Blessings and joy!
ANIKA CORSE	CCD75	Citywide Council for District 75 (CCD75)	75X723	YES	NO	
SHARON COVINO	CCD75	Citywide Council for District 75 (CCD75)	75R025	NO	NO	My name is Sharon Covino and I am the mother of one of the sweetest souls on this planet, Silas. Silas is four years old and diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder. He is my first child and our journey began when he was very little. Silas has opened up a whole new world for me and my family. He has taught us immeasurable new things, patience, and love. He makes me want to be more involved and advocate for him and children like him. In New York City, this advocacy starts at the CPSE level. It is a crucial time for young children and families navigating this world, which is why having an effective voice in the D75 community is important. I believe the best way to obtain this voice is to run for a council seat and I'd like to tell you why I am the perfect fit for this role. I am a born advocate. I've been a practicing attorney for over 7 years. I was an Assistant District attorney at the Richmond County District Attorney's Office for 6 years where I spent my time working with low-income families, victims of domestic violence, and special needs children. I advocated for the families to ensure they were provided with necessities needed for their children, including access to educational and development tools. I am now a solo practitioner with an office based in Staten Island, New York, where my advocacy has led to a focus on family law. Through my law firm and my experience, I work with children of all ages and abilities and advocate for what is in the best interests of the children to family and supreme courts. My entire professional career has been centered and focused on advocating for children. This is why I know I would be a perfect fit for this role, if I am trusted with this important responsibility. Please feel free to reach out to me at 646 358 2875 if you wish to discuss anything further. I am always available and happy to speak with you. Thank you for your time and I look forward to the opportunity of serving the D75 community and community. Best, Sharon K. Covino

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Nicole Crawford	CCD75	Citywide Council for District 75 (CCD75)	75R373	YES	NO	Growing up I also had a iep and was enrolled in special education classes such as resource room to help assist me with my learning. That is where I received my first experience with teachers and faculty members dedicate their time and effort to make each and every student reach their full potential. As a young adult I worked with after school children at community centers located in urban neighborhoods where I also reside as a child. I was now the educator and guidance counselor to these extremely driven children that wanted to be taught, coached and motivated. I knew I had a responsibility to give back to these children because I was once them and someone stood before me and helped shaped and formed the woman I am today . It will be a honor and pleasure to be apart of such a honorable position to help bring about a future that will all hope to see great leaders that will continue the race of being educators leaders and influencers.
SHERA CROSBY	CCD75	Citywide Council for District 75 (CCD75)	01M450	NO	NO	I am a parent of 3. my youngest is autistic and my oldest is in high school. I watch the struggles of both with them dealing with the lack of services due to the lack of support in the DOE. I promise to do my best to ensure greater services for our upcoming generations if elected to have a seat
SHERA CROSBY	CCD75	Citywide Council for District 75 (CCD75)	02M308	YES	NO	I am a parent of 3. my youngest is autistic and my oldest is in high school. I watch the struggles of both with them dealing with the lack of services due to the lack of support in the DOE. I promise to do my best to ensure greater services for our upcoming generations if elected to have a seat
SHERA CROSBY	CCD75	Citywide Council for District 75 (CCD75)	75M094	YES	NO	I am a parent of 3. my youngest is autistic and my oldest is in high school. I watch the struggles of both with them dealing with the lack of services due to the lack of support in the DOE. I promise to do my best to ensure greater services for our upcoming generations if elected to have a seat
LAUREN CURTIS	CCD75	Citywide Council for District 75 (CCD75)	75K231	YES	NO	As a parent of a seven year old child who has ADD and autism I find it important for their education to be of the utmost importance. I have a hard time understanding the curriculum being based on a standard general education progress report and not being geared towards the needs of district 75 children. All needs are different but the current program is setting up our children to fail. Seeing 1's straight down on my sons progress report makes me realize that the system isn't understanding our children. After working with my son remotely through the pandemic we are now apart of the learning experience. We have been able to get in touch with our children on another level. Not only as a parent but as a teacher as well. We see how hard our teachers are working but the parent involvement being most important. In one year I have seen major progress in my child. I realize that there are a lot of things that could make the program run much more smoothly since I feel it's the forgotten program. It may have advanced in many ways but it can't be compared to general Ed. I hope that if I'm elected that I could assist all parents in my shoes with their goals for their child. We're all in this together!

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Andrea Daniels	CCD75	Citywide Council for District 75 (CCD75)	75X811	YES	NO	<p>My name is Ms. Andrea Daniels. I have been a parent leader/advocate since districts 7 and 9 in the past. However, for the past 12 years I have been a parent leader in D75 on various P.A.'s, SLT's, DLT and Now Councils/Committees. I am currently a member on the CCD75 council. I also hold several other positions within the district and Citywide. I am CPAC 1st Vice chair currently but, I have been a CPAC member for a little over a year now Representing D75 at a Citywide level. I am Currently The President of President's Council, DLT/SLT member and I am the P.A. President of P811X. My previous schools were P188X and P10X where I have held positions in those schools for several years. I have been a true advocate for our students and Parents in D75. I am choosing to run for a seat on the CCD75 council for the next two year slot because I have only been on the CCD75 council as a member for only 6 months and I have much more work to do on thid particular council in order to continue advocating for our students and parents in D75 on a Citywide level like I do on CPAC executive board. I bring my expertise in special education and my advocacy skills along with my knowledge in education in general. Even during this whole entire pandemic that we are still in I haven't stopped advocating for our kids needs. I have even created a parent support group for all D75 parents to attend not just our parents leaders! And Now I have created a support group in my school ad well where I am trying my best to help out our parents in this difficult time by providing them with resources and support separate from my general meetings on President's council. I have years of experience and knowledge. However, I am still a team player and I am willing to work with any parent or group in order to continuous advocating for our Children and Parents who need my help. Please vote for me! I promise I won't let you down! We are in this together! I am a strong parent leader/ advocate and I will continue to do what needs to be done for our students whether I win a seat in this election or not! Thank you all for your support always! I really appreciate it.</p>
ANNA DI BONA	CCD75	Citywide Council for District 75 (CCD75)	75R373	YES	NO	<p>As the mother of two children on the spectrum, I have seen firsthand how the NYC schools serve the children of this city with special needs. I am grateful for the effort that teachers and para professionals have put in to help my sons grow. However, I also have children in private school, one of them autistic. I see how much more organized and thorough private school has been versus the public education system. It was disheartening. I want to be part of a movement that brings more resources to teachers, so we can get everyone on equal ground, no matter what school system they are in. I look forward to working with everyone to achieve great things in the years to come!</p>
AYOTILEWA EFUNIYI	CCD75	Citywide Council for District 75 (CCD75)	31R009	YES	NO	<p>As a Mother of Children with disabilities in District 31, and District 75 schools. There is need for more representation, and inclusion of all races and classes. More help, training, information and resources to Families and Children with IEP's will help children with disabilities attain the growth they need and give them the Independence they need to be able to thrive in their Community.</p>
AYOTILEWA EFUNIYI	CCD75	Citywide Council for District 75 (CCD75)	75R373	YES	NO	<p>As a Mother of Children with disabilities in District 31, and District 75 schools. There is need for more representation, and inclusion of all races and classes. More help, training, information and resources to Families and Children with IEP's will help children with disabilities attain the growth they need and give them the Independence they need to be able to thrive in their Community.</p>

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LIZA FRAZER	CCD75	Citywide Council for District 75 (CCD75)	75M035	YES	NO	My daughter was fortunate to be a student in New York City's District 2 since the third grade. Her trajectory and persistence in trying achieve above average results in despite having the now too common mental health disorder, anxiety, has taught me that not everyone has an advocate or mentor in their pursuit for quality education. As she approaches the end of the eleventh grade, I find it very important that I become a voice and an instrument of advocacy for those who come behind her. That our experiences may become a stepping stone for those that like her, dream of an Ivy League education despite the limitations of mental health. On behalf of every parent that has encountered this illness and it's different stages, I pledge to be a voice for helping our children achieve their highest potential in academia. Nonetheless, helping to form well rounded professional and citizens of our great City. With COVID19 almost in our rear mirror, and the mental health aftermath left behind by the pandemic, we must be more efficient and effective than ever in helping our youth achieve their highest potential. Thank you in advance for your support. I look forward to embrace the needs of our youth and help identify areas in which we can add support to promote the success of our education. Respectfully, Liza Frazer
MARIA GARCIA	CCD75	Citywide Council for District 75 (CCD75)	12X251	YES	NO	
MARIA GARCIA	CCD75	Citywide Council for District 75 (CCD75)	75X352	YES	NO	
SHI TASIA GOODNER	CCD75	Citywide Council for District 75 (CCD75)	75X723	YES	NO	
CELIA GREEN	CCD75	Citywide Council for District 75 (CCD75)	75K369	YES	NO	Greetings Everyone. Please allow me to introduce myself. My name is Celia Green. I am the mother of six sons. Four of my sons have an ASD (Autism Spectrum Disorder ) diagnosis. I am currently serving as a Brooklyn Representative on the Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS). I am also a former Member of the Citywide Council for District 75. While helping to navigate my family's journey through the NYC Public School System I have had the pleasure of serving on many Parent Associations and Parent Teacher Associations. In various capacities I have been a Recording Secretary, a Financial Secretary, a Treasurer, a Vice President , a President and a Title 1 Chair. I have also served on the Presidents Councils for District 13, District 75 and the Borough High Schools Presidents Council of Brooklyn. While on these Presidents Councils I served on CPAC (the Chancellor's Parent Advisory Council ) as the Representative for each of these Councils in different years. I am a NYS IEP Parent Member and I am also affiliated with Several Organizations including the Arise Coalition , New York Communities for Change and Community Food Advocates – Lunch 4 Learning Parent Caucus – I enjoy helping Students and their Families learn about their educational rights. I would also like to advocate for more Inclusive Opportunities for all students. I am a Team Player and like helping Parents build their capacity. Although I enjoy advocating on behalf of Students and their Family's I do prefer encouraging and supporting Parents as they endeavor to advocate on their own behalf. I believe in bringing the solution to any problem that you wish to fix. On that note I am quite willing to roll up my sleeves and get to work. I strive to leave things better than how I found them. Thank you for your consideration. I will look forward to working with the Council soon. Sincerely, Celia Green
Alexander Guerrero	CCD75	Citywide Council for District 75 (CCD75)	75M079	YES	NO	I Apply because I believe in the importance of parent engagement, involvement, and commitment in my kids education. I have served and still serving in the School Leadership Team for a few years now. I have participated in PA/PTA activities in which I was a board member and or volunteer. I believe in the public schools system for this city and I know I can be a great addition to the board. Thank you very much...

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Paullette Healy	CCD75	Citywide Council for District 75 (CCD75)	20K259	NO	NO	<p>I have had the great honor of being the Recording Secretary on the Citywide Council on Special Education for the last 2 years . I am the mother of 2 children in middle school both with IEPs and am active on the PTA and SLT at both children's schools. I have been advocating for parents for over 10 years especially in regards to special education. For the past 2 years I, along with memebers of my Council, have worked to implement changes in policy such as extended services for our students aging out who suffered regression due to restrictions related to COVID, holding districts accountable for high non-compliance issues and fighting for language and translation access for documents related to IEPs. I have testified in front of City Council, the Panel for Education Policy(PEP), Town Halls and Public forums on behalf of the 256,000 students in special education. I have spoken on panels and seminars on the needs of our students with disabilities hosted by Public Advocate Jumaane Williams, Councilman Justin Brannan, Councilman Carlos Menchaca, Assemblywoman Mathylde Frontus and Senator Andrew Gounardes. I am currently the Chair of the District 20 Title 1 District Parent Advisory Council(DPAC)which supports schools and families that serve communities struggling with poverty along with being the Brooklyn Representative for the District 75 District Leadership Team that supports PTAs and SLTs in their fight for resources, programs and access within their respective neighborhoods. I volunteer with numerous organizations and committees that fight for equity, access and representation for all children attending our school systems such as ARISE, PRESSNYC, AQE, CEJ and BLM in schools to name a few as well as sit on the Citywide Equity Committee led by Deputy Chancellor Adrienne Austin. I have spent my life raising awareness and action to support our families and have raised my own children to utilize their voice in order to impliment change in our schools and our world. I strive to build a platform for parents to learn about their rights, where to go for help if they struggle with home insecurity, job loss, food insecurity and healthcare as well as providing resources on remote learning, literacy programs, behavior challenges and mental health support . I have assisted countless families through the IEP process and continue to do that citywide on a daily basis. The years ahead will be arduous as we find solutions to address the effects COVID has had on our families in NYC and planning the necessary supports in order to effectively transition our students back into in person learning when it is safe will be a monumental feat. I am prepared for the work ahead and will always fight for parents to have a seat at the table. It has been an immense privilige serving the families of NYC and I hope you will give me an opportunity to continue in this work.</p>

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Paulette Healy	CCD75	Citywide Council for District 75 (CCD75)	75K053	YES	NO	<p>I have had the great honor of being the Recording Secretary on the Citywide Council on Special Education for the last 2 years . I am the mother of 2 children in middle school both with IEPs and am active on the PTA and SLT at both children's schools. I have been advocating for parents for over 10 years especially in regards to special education. For the past 2 years I, along with memebers of my Council, have worked to implement changes in policy such as extended services for our students aging out who suffered regression due to restrictions related to COVID, holding districts accountable for high non-compliance issues and fighting for language and translation access for documents related to IEPs. I have testified in front of City Council, the Panel for Education Policy(PEP), Town Halls and Public forums on behalf of the 256,000 students in special education. I have spoken on panels and seminars on the needs of our students with disabilities hosted by Public Advocate Jumaane Williams, Councilman Justin Brannan, Councilman Carlos Menchaca, Assemblywoman Mathylde Frontus and Senator Andrew Gounardes. I am currently the Chair of the District 20 Title 1 District Parent Advisory Council(DPAC)which supports schools and families that serve communities struggling with poverty along with being the Brooklyn Representative for the District 75 District Leadership Team that supports PTAs and SLTs in their fight for resources, programs and access within their respective neighborhoods. I volunteer with numerous organizations and committees that fight for equity, access and representation for all children attending our school systems such as ARISE, PRESSNYC, AQE, CEJ and BLM in schools to name a few as well as sit on the Citywide Equity Committee led by Deputy Chancellor Adrienne Austin. I have spent my life raising awareness and action to support our families and have raised my own children to utilize their voice in order to impliment change in our schools and our world. I strive to build a platform for parents to learn about their rights, where to go for help if they struggle with home insecurity, job loss, food insecurity and healthcare as well as providing resources on remote learning, literacy programs, behavior challenges and mental health support . I have assisted countless families through the IEP process and continue to do that citywide on a daily basis. The years ahead will be arduous as we find solutions to address the effects COVID has had on our families in NYC and planning the necessary supports in order to effectively transition our students back into in person learning when it is safe will be a monumental feat. I am prepared for the work ahead and will always fight for parents to have a seat at the table. It has been an immense privilige serving the families of NYC and I hope you will give me an opportunity to continue in this work.</p>
AISHA HUSBANDS	CCD75	Citywide Council for District 75 (CCD75)	75K721	YES	NO	<p>It would be an honor for me to serve the students and families of District 75 along with the children within the larger special education community. The desire and necessity to advocate for those in need is familiar to us all. As the mother of a child with special needs, as well as in my professional role as a registered nurse, advocacy has been both a necessity and a calling. I have experience as a member of both hospital wide and unit based committees. As a committee member, I advocated for patient safety, as well as examined protocols and formulated recommendations which impacted hospital polices. My service on the Council will address the broad needs of the District 75 community and will empower our children with knowledge, self-respect, and instill in them as much autonomy as possible.</p>



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DENISE JACKSON	CCD75	Citywide Council for District 75 (CCD75)	08X131	YES	NO	I believe that I should be Elected to serve on the Education Council so I can be the voice not only for my children but for yours. I feel that I can be the one who could make a difference in our kids lives. By me being on the council it can happen with your support I will be the your advocate for our children education to make sure they get what they need in life. Thank You Very Much In Advance
DENISE JACKSON	CCD75	Citywide Council for District 75 (CCD75)	75X723	YES	NO	I believe that I should be Elected to serve on the Education Council so I can be the voice not only for my children but for yours. I feel that I can be the one who could make a difference in our kids lives. By me being on the council it can happen with your support I will be the your advocate for our children education to make sure they get what they need in life. Thank You Very Much In Advance
ADRIANO JOSEPH	CCD75	Citywide Council for District 75 (CCD75)	12X463	YES	NO	My name is Adriano Joseph and I am a father of 3 strong young boys between the ages of 12 and 3, two in which I am a single father. I know the difficulties parents face during these troubling times. Often it is the children with disabilities who are the most affected and left without a voice or anyone strongly advocating for them. As a father of a non-verbal autistic child, I felt my son was not getting the proper schooling necessary for his development. If elected, I will give voices to the children without voices and the parents that silently suffer. I carry myself with dignity to help all children in need. I will talk closely to those elected officials to get answers and makes sure no child is left behind. I know what it takes to lead and to communicate the needs of the people and if I am elected, I will do just that. Vote for your children, vote Joseph.
ADRIANO JOSEPH	CCD75	Citywide Council for District 75 (CCD75)	75X188	YES	NO	My name is Adriano Joseph and I am a father of 3 strong young boys between the ages of 12 and 3, two in which I am a single father. I know the difficulties parents face during these troubling times. Often it is the children with disabilities who are the most affected and left without a voice or anyone strongly advocating for them. As a father of a non-verbal autistic child, I felt my son was not getting the proper schooling necessary for his development. If elected, I will give voices to the children without voices and the parents that silently suffer. I carry myself with dignity to help all children in need. I will talk closely to those elected officials to get answers and makes sure no child is left behind. I know what it takes to lead and to communicate the needs of the people and if I am elected, I will do just that. Vote for your children, vote Joseph.
NAZIA KASHIF	CCD75	Citywide Council for District 75 (CCD75)	75K370	YES	YES	
IRINA KOURILOVA	CCD75	Citywide Council for District 75 (CCD75)	75K771	YES	NO	
JOANE LAWRENCE	CCD75	Citywide Council for District 75 (CCD75)	75K771	YES	NO	Serving on the educational council is important to me because I have a child with special needs who is getting help for her challenges through the educational system with DOE. I know that there are resources and information for families with children that is in special ed. A lot of families are not aware of the additional support that may be available to them. Being on the council, I will help and work with a team that can communicate to all families the available support and resources that are available to them for their children's education in their community. I noticed in certain neighborhoods the resources are not well shared and communicated. In conclusion by voting for me I will fight for transparency and information access to all those who need it and in different languages. I am passionate and would love to work with a team that will help tailor certain educational programs that will help our children especially those who are often misunderstood accomplish their goals.

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SHAMEL LAWRENCE	CCD75	Citywide Council for District 75 (CCD75)	75Q277	YES	NO	Hello my name is Shamel Lawrence Sr. I'm a proud father to an awesome son named Shamel Lawrence Jr. First, let me thank you for allowing me to serve these past two years as your voice already. In my two years of serving our children and families in District 75, I've really worked hard to make sure that all children, families and educators have a voice in all decisions being made. Under my leadership as the President and Co President, I have built a relationship with other Districts and during COVID-19 I have delivered food and supplies to our children and families in District 75. I have also provided a support group and virtual activities for our children and families during these difficult times. In addition, I've helped to ease the minds of families by conducting walkthroughs in District 75 school buildings, to make sure that the safety of our children and educators have been put first. As a member of the District 75 Citywide council or any other Council, I promise to always put our children's safety and education first. Furthermore, I promise that not only will our children receive an education, they will receive the best quality education that is tailored to their individual needs. I strongly encourage parental involvement and will seek to implement an open door policy. No child or family should be treated differently because they attend a District 75 school. I am not here for the politics, I'm here for the children and the families . I will advocate for our children and families no matter what. I will continue to fight for a system that includes ever child and family. Vote for me and you won't be sorry. My record speaks volumes for the type of person that I am. I participation in following community or civic organizations. - 277Q PA - 277Q SLT - District 75 President Council - UFT Parents Committed - Committee on Special education - Queens Parents Board - Center Lodge # 18 - Past Master - Kiwanis Bayside Club - Black men in education Chapter #99 - Order eastern star - Rebecca chapter 91 - 100 black men in law enforcement - Rush Temple AME Zion Church After School Program - Boys Scouts of America- pack 419 Leader - NYPD Youth Advisor and so much more
RENEE MARHONG	CCD75	Citywide Council for District 75 (CCD75)	31R013	NO	NO	Hello, my name is Renee Marhong. I am a Public Health Nurse living and working on Staten Island. I am the mother to 3 children in school on the Island, one in pre-K, one in fifth grade and one in ninth grade. My children are in District 31 and 75. Serving on the CEC is important to me because I want to make a deeper investment in my community. I believe in holding our leaders accountable and parents having a voice in the school system. My priority is to bring as much equity, access and resources to our schools as possible. I currently sit on my son's SLT and attend PTA meetings. I have been a community activist for over 20 years and I am excited to serve in this new capacity. Thank you for considering me, it would be my honor to serve on a CEC.
RENEE MARHONG	CCD75	Citywide Council for District 75 (CCD75)	75R721	YES	NO	Hello, my name is Renee Marhong. I am a Public Health Nurse living and working on Staten Island. I am the mother to 3 children in school on the Island, one in pre-K, one in fifth grade and one in ninth grade. My children are in District 31 and 75. Serving on the CEC is important to me because I want to make a deeper investment in my community. I believe in holding our leaders accountable and parents having a voice in the school system. My priority is to bring as much equity, access and resources to our schools as possible. I currently sit on my son's SLT and attend PTA meetings. I have been a community activist for over 20 years and I am excited to serve in this new capacity. Thank you for considering me, it would be my honor to serve on a CEC.
BRITTANY MARTINEZ	CCD75	Citywide Council for District 75 (CCD75)	06M048	NO	NO	I am an autism mom to a 12 year old and I am an Advocacy Ambassador for Autism Speaks and I represent NYC. I have the passion, experience and determination to make all special needs children a priority in the education system so that they have all the opportunities for resources and a chance to succeed despite their disability. I would be honored to serve on the council.
BRITTANY MARTINEZ	CCD75	Citywide Council for District 75 (CCD75)	75M138	YES	NO	I am an autism mom to a 12 year old and I am an Advocacy Ambassador for Autism Speaks and I represent NYC. I have the passion, experience and determination to make all special needs children a priority in the education system so that they have all the opportunities for resources and a chance to succeed despite their disability. I would be honored to serve on the council.

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LIZBETH MATIAS	CCD75	Citywide Council for District 75 (CCD75)	21K410	NO	NO	
LIZBETH MATIAS	CCD75	Citywide Council for District 75 (CCD75)	75K373	YES	NO	
EBONY MCKOY	CCD75	Citywide Council for District 75 (CCD75)	75M226	YES	NO	<p>My name is Ebony McKoy and I am the mother of two children, both with IEPs in DOE schools. My 9-year-old son is in a D75 school, 6:1:1 classroom. My son has autism and sensory integration dysfunction. I have not served on any prior committees but my journey raising my children in the New York public schools has given me the experience as well as the education I need to not only be an advocate for my children but for other parents as well. Before having both my kids, I knew, for the most part, what to prepare for, what to expect. I knew that being a young, single mother raising two kids on her own was not going to be easy, but I could prepare. There was nothing to prepare me for what life would be like with two children with IEPs let alone an autistic son. Entering school was overwhelming, I felt lost. There was so much paperwork, I had no understanding of IEPs or services, no idea how to help my son. It was only through a bad school experience that I learned how to be an advocate for my children. I learned how to read IEPs, what to ask for and how to ask for it. I learned how to make sure my kids got what they needed both in the classroom and at home. I know so many others who have been in my shoes and so many more that will be. If elected to this committee, I will not only be their voice, but someone who relates to each and every one of them, someone who answers questions and shares experiences, someone who can relate to them as individuals and mothers. Community is incredibly important to me; it is what has helped me through this all. I want to give back to my community. We are blessed to have the teachers we do, but just as important is how we educate and advocate for our children when they are at home.</p>
KRISTIE MONTALVAN	CCD75	Citywide Council for District 75 (CCD75)	31R032	YES	NO	<p>My name is Kristie Montalvan and I have been a New York City Department of Education parent for almost 6 years. My oldest son is in the 4th grade in a district 31 general education classroom. I have 7 year old twins who are both in special education programs. My son is in 1st grade in the NEST program in a district 31 school. My daughter is in first grade in a district 75 school. I believe the experience of having children in three different NYC public schools, in two different school districts, gives me a very unique perspective. I am able to contribute my experiences with a variety of schools and programs to assist in making important and complex decisions on the education council. I have volunteered and participated in many PTAs and parent organizations over the last 6 years. I believe my time is the greatest contribution I can give toward my child's educational experience. From 2018-2019, I was the Parent Council President for my twins CPSE preschool. During my time running the parent council, I held monthly meetings with parents and staff and helped facilitate a symbiotic relationship between the school and parents. I organized several fundraisers and through my tenacity and perseverance, I was able to secure much needed funds for therapy programs and supplies for the school. I also had the pleasure of making connections with other parents and gaining incites to their individual educational needs for their children. In my position as parent council president, I learned empathy and respect for all parents and students. I believe that our schools thrive when there is active parent involvement. Education thrives when parents, teachers, and administrators are all working together. I am thoroughly excited at the opportunity to serve on the education council and represent the diverse population of New York City public schools. Now more than ever, I believe it is important to work diligently to ensure that all of our children receive the free and appropriate education they are entitled to. With my past experiences, empathy, and tenacity, I feel like I would make an excellent addition to the Education Council. I humbly ask for your vote.</p>

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KRISTIE MONTALVAN	CCD75	Citywide Council for District 75 (CCD75)	31R069	YES	NO	<p>My name is Kristie Montalvan and I have been a New York City Department of Education parent for almost 6 years. My oldest son is in the 4th grade in a district 31 general education classroom. I have 7 year old twins who are both in special education programs. My son is in 1st grade in the NEST program in a district 31 school. My daughter is in first grade in a district 75 school. I believe the experience of having children in three different NYC public schools, in two different school districts, gives me a very unique perspective. I am able to contribute my experiences with a variety of schools and programs to assist in making important and complex decisions on the education council. I have volunteered and participated in many PTAs and parent organizations over the last 6 years. I believe my time is the greatest contribution I can give toward my child's educational experience. From 2018-2019, I was the Parent Council President for my twins CPSE preschool. During my time running the parent council, I held monthly meetings with parents and staff and helped facilitate a symbiotic relationship between the school and parents. I organized several fundraisers and through my tenacity and perseverance, I was able to secure much needed funds for therapy programs and supplies for the school. I also had the pleasure of making connections with other parents and gaining incites to their individual educational needs for their children. In my position as parent council president, I learned empathy and respect for all parents and students. I believe that our schools thrive when there is active parent involvement. Education thrives when parents, teachers, and administrators are all working together. I am thoroughly excited at the opportunity to serve on the education council and represent the diverse population of New York City public schools. Now more than ever, I believe it is important to work diligently to ensure that all of our children receive the free and appropriate education they are entitled to. With my past experiences, empathy, and tenacity, I feel like I would make an excellent addition to the Education Council. I humbly ask for your vote.</p>
KRISTIE MONTALVAN	CCD75	Citywide Council for District 75 (CCD75)	75R037	YES	NO	<p>My name is Kristie Montalvan and I have been a New York City Department of Education parent for almost 6 years. My oldest son is in the 4th grade in a district 31 general education classroom. I have 7 year old twins who are both in special education programs. My son is in 1st grade in the NEST program in a district 31 school. My daughter is in first grade in a district 75 school. I believe the experience of having children in three different NYC public schools, in two different school districts, gives me a very unique perspective. I am able to contribute my experiences with a variety of schools and programs to assist in making important and complex decisions on the education council. I have volunteered and participated in many PTAs and parent organizations over the last 6 years. I believe my time is the greatest contribution I can give toward my child's educational experience. From 2018-2019, I was the Parent Council President for my twins CPSE preschool. During my time running the parent council, I held monthly meetings with parents and staff and helped facilitate a symbiotic relationship between the school and parents. I organized several fundraisers and through my tenacity and perseverance, I was able to secure much needed funds for therapy programs and supplies for the school. I also had the pleasure of making connections with other parents and gaining incites to their individual educational needs for their children. In my position as parent council president, I learned empathy and respect for all parents and students. I believe that our schools thrive when there is active parent involvement. Education thrives when parents, teachers, and administrators are all working together. I am thoroughly excited at the opportunity to serve on the education council and represent the diverse population of New York City public schools. Now more than ever, I believe it is important to work diligently to ensure that all of our children receive the free and appropriate education they are entitled to. With my past experiences, empathy, and tenacity, I feel like I would make an excellent addition to the Education Council. I humbly ask for your vote.</p>

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NIA MOORE HINES	CCD75	Citywide Council for District 75 (CCD75)	75Q256	YES	NO	I am the mother of a special needs young man and I have been an educator for two decades. I hold a permanent teaching certificate in NYS for Pre-K through Grade 6. My career as an educator began in 2000, as a group teacher in a community based day care center in the area of early childhood education. Later, I worked as an elementary school teacher for more than a decade where I taught general education and also co-taught in an ICT class. I am currently seeking certification to teach Students with Disabilities, Birth to Grade 2 because of my concern for and desire to serve the special needs population. I am currently enrolled at Hofstra University where I am pursuing a doctorate in education in the area of teaching and learning with a specialization in special education. I feel strongly about representing and advocating for individuals with special needs and felt compelled to serve as member on the School Leadership Team at my son's school. On this team we discuss issues and seek solutions to improve the school community that we serve. With my experience and credentials in the field of education, both personally and professionally, it is my ultimate goal to start a business that will allow me to care for individuals with special needs who do not have families by providing them with a loving, nurturing and safe family environment. I hope to have an opportunity to serve on the Education Council so that I may serve individuals with special needs in a greater capacity.
ANGEL MORALES	CCD75	Citywide Council for District 75 (CCD75)	20K505	YES	NO	Hello everyone my name is Angel Morales Jr. and I have two children. My daughter is in District 75 and my son is in a general school but has an IEP. I feel I would be a good candidate because I am always involved within the schools. I am currently a member of SLT for my son and daughters school. I am also involved in the PTA. I have always been my children's advocate and voice and would love to continue bringing that passion if I become elected to the Concl. Thank you for giving me this opportunity to express myself.
ANGEL MORALES	CCD75	Citywide Council for District 75 (CCD75)	75K231	YES	NO	Hello everyone my name is Angel Morales Jr. and I have two children. My daughter is in District 75 and my son is in a general school but has an IEP. I feel I would be a good candidate because I am always involved within the schools. I am currently a member of SLT for my son and daughters school. I am also involved in the PTA. I have always been my children's advocate and voice and would love to continue bringing that passion if I become elected to the Concl. Thank you for giving me this opportunity to express myself.
Lillian Moya	CCD75	Citywide Council for District 75 (CCD75)	75Q233	YES	NO	I would like to be apart of this opportunity because I have a child who is on the Autism spectrum receiving a yearly IEP. I believe I can make a difference on making goals to have stronger preparations for IEP's targeting specific goals and not just the average curriculum of a child's age. I would also try to improve the area of parents who lack in participation of the IEP's due to their language or understanding on what the child really needs. I am a mother now but when I was a child I was failed by the board of education resource room teachers. Most of my IEP meeting happen without my parents due to my mom's understanding in the IEP goals. I feel the board of ed also under staffs the department of special needs. District 75 should be able to have enough staff and tools to help kids with special needs. More children through out the years are being diagnosed with special needs we need to prepare our children for a proper future and not failures of just another kid in the system who ends up in a group home because they weren't given the proper tools to live up to their highest potential. Special needs children should be given the best tools to do their best in gaining a better future.

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DARNAE NICKENS	CCD75	Citywide Council for District 75 (CCD75)	75M226	YES	NO	My name is Darna Nickens and it would be a pleasure to serve on an Education Council. More Specifically, an Education Council for Special education. I have always been heavily influenced and intrigued by education and the advancement of education. Three years ago, my son was evaluated and diagnosed with mild autism. It was a new experience that i knew close to nothing about. After a very emotional realization, i understood that i needed to pull it together for my child to get the best services available. The DOE was very helpful and assisted with information necessary to get my son on the right path. I went to meetings and met several parents of children just like my son. Many of them were new , didn't know much about services, and some were even afraid to ask for additional help because they didn't want to "label" their child.. I realized that many people lack awareness, acceptance, or the tools to assist special needs persons in the school system and society. I made it my duty to research and enroll in school for a Masters in Public Administration to enhance my public speaking skills and qualifications to lead in the community. I learned how to develop constructive action plans that include budgets, programming, funding, etc. My dedication to enhancing my knowledge, skills, abilities and other characteristics was also very rewarding. Upon completion of the program, I was inducted into Pi Alpha Alpha, the International Honors Society for Public Administration In the future, as a leader and a parent, i would like to fight and advocate for the advancement of special needs individuals in schools and society.
Vivian Nunez	CCD75	Citywide Council for District 75 (CCD75)	75Q277	YES	NO	Although I have not participated in civic organizations, I am very strong in the advocacy of children with special needs and have a very clear understanding and experience in education, student and staff development, training and technology. In addition, I would love the opportunity to participate in championing ideas to improve the current education system specifically within District 75.
KISWAUNA ORR	CCD75	Citywide Council for District 75 (CCD75)	75X352	YES	NO	Hi, my name is Kiswauna Orr. I am a mother of two. Brooklyn born and raised, and now living in the Boogie Down Bronx. I feel like I would be a great candidate for city council because I'm a mother with a child who has Autism and attends district 75. I also work with Children. I place no barrier on my child and other children like him and not like him. I believe children are a sponge and what they pick up and learn is a direct reflection of the guardians, teachers, care givers that they have encountered. I want to be about of those challenging conversations that turn into resolution. I want to share my experiences, hear from others about theirs and build a greater community of learning and teaching for our children.
ABYGAIL ORTIZ	CCD75	Citywide Council for District 75 (CCD75)	13K674	YES	NO	
ABYGAIL ORTIZ	CCD75	Citywide Council for District 75 (CCD75)	75K373	YES	NO	
Brenida Parsons	CCD75	Citywide Council for District 75 (CCD75)	75X168	YES	NO	My name is Brenida Parsons, Bronx Native for over 30 years and a mother of three children. All of my children are products of NYC Public School System. My oldest two have graduated from high schools in the Bronx and continued their education with CUNY. My youngest is in a District 75 school and is excelling in his academics. I believe I would be a great candidate to represent families from the inner city, whose children are struggling with resources, information and vital communication from their school and/or districts. I have over 20 years of experience of working hand-in-hand with faculty and staff in order to receive the right accommodations for my children. I have been a member of Parent Teachers Association as a Treasurer at Bronx Writing and Communication High School (Evander Childs Campus), school fundraisers both in high schools and elementary schools and I have been apart of transformative meetings and conferences. I hope you choose me to represent your family and especially our future, our children. Thank you Brenida Parsons
BEAJAE PAYNE	CCD75	Citywide Council for District 75 (CCD75)	75M811	YES	NO	I am a mother with 13 year experience of having a child in the NYC Public School system. I also have experience with IEPs, IEP meetings, and related services

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INDIRA RODGERS	CCD75	Citywide Council for District 75 (CCD75)	75X723	YES	NO	As a mother of two children with special education; I will make sure all children get the attention needed for them to pass all grades and move into regular schools. I will try to eliminate the labels that these special education students endure and put a positive energy towards the word special education. Quite often they too are affected by the negativity it entails, we must fix that! Special education is not a defect, it should be a tool for betterment to children who are not as fast as the regular children. There are a plethora of great children listed under special education that are talented all they need are the right teachers to find that gem. My goal is to find the special in special education and uplift our students.
STEPHANIE SANDEUS	CCD75	Citywide Council for District 75 (CCD75)	17K375	NO	NO	Serving on the Education Council is important to me because I am a parent with children that attend schools in several DOE districts. It's essentially for me to be part of a process to ensure all students have the required tools to be successful in their educational careers. It is my civic duty as a parent and community member to prepare our children with the appropriate knowledge. One way to do so is to be able to implement education policies that adheres to the need of every child ( no matter the district) and that is the reason I would like to serve on the Education Council. I have had the opportunity to be affiliated with several boards and participate in workshops and different events. I am currently PA President in District 75 as well as a SLT member. I am also PTA Vice President and SLT Co Chair in District 17.
STEPHANIE SANDEUS	CCD75	Citywide Council for District 75 (CCD75)	75K141	YES	NO	Serving on the Education Council is important to me because I am a parent with children that attend schools in several DOE districts. It's essentially for me to be part of a process to ensure all students have the required tools to be successful in their educational careers. It is my civic duty as a parent and community member to prepare our children with the appropriate knowledge. One way to do so is to be able to implement education policies that adheres to the need of every child ( no matter the district) and that is the reason I would like to serve on the Education Council. I have had the opportunity to be affiliated with several boards and participate in workshops and different events. I am currently PA President in District 75 as well as a SLT member. I am also PTA Vice President and SLT Co Chair in District 17.
CARMEN SANTIAGO	CCD75	Citywide Council for District 75 (CCD75)	75X168	YES	NO	Greetings! My name is Carmen Santiago and I am the mother to a 12-year-old son that attends a D75 school in the Bronx. I don't have experience or have held office as a PA/PTA member. What I do have is the experience of a mother that cares and will continue to care for a son that lives with Autism. From this experience, I have learned to fight, embrace, respect, and grow with my son as I hope to the same as a member of the Education Council. My passion is my son's future and above that is his education. I see how he has grown and flourished due to the services, support and commitment the providers in D75 have provided him in his short time with them. I would like to take this opportunity to pay it forward by offering my time and assistance by further propelling all I have received into the future of D75 families.
SABRINA SCOTT	CCD75	Citywide Council for District 75 (CCD75)	75X188	YES	NO	Hello I'm Sabrina Scott resident in the Bronx with a grandchild whom is in my custody attending a district 75 school. I current hold the position of PA secretary I have participated in PA previously and held position of treasurer. I want to be apart of the council to ensure the children are getting the most out of their education. I believe the schools are not focus on preparing our children to be intelligent productive members of society. I want to advocate for curriculum that prepares students to be product post graduation. Capable to attend college if they choose to or not. I also want to be a voice for parents who want the best education for their kids however find the process confusing and or intimidating.
JAMARR SMITH	CCD75	Citywide Council for District 75 (CCD75)	75M094	YES	NO	
NICOLE SMITH	CCD75	Citywide Council for District 75 (CCD75)	11X545	YES	NO	I am a mom of 6 and I have 2 in high school & 2 in junior high school. I try to be as much involved as possible. That is why I want to run I have learned a lot this past year of home schooling and it does take a village to raise the children. My granddaughter is apart of our future she is the next generation. I will only get more advanced from here.

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NICOLE SMITH	CCD75	Citywide Council for District 75 (CCD75)	11X566	YES	NO	I am a mom of 6 and I have 2 in high school & 2 in junior high school. I try to be as much involved as possible. That is why I want to run I have learned a lot this past year of home schooling and it does take a village to raise the children. My granddaughter is apart of our future she is the next generation. I will only get more advanced from here.
NICOLE SMITH	CCD75	Citywide Council for District 75 (CCD75)	75K371	YES	NO	I am a mom of 6 and I have 2 in high school & 2 in junior high school. I try to be as much involved as possible. That is why I want to run I have learned a lot this past year of home schooling and it does take a village to raise the children. My granddaughter is apart of our future she is the next generation. I will only get more advanced from here.
CRAIG SPENCER	CCD75	Citywide Council for District 75 (CCD75)	75K771	YES	NO	<p>I'm compelled to begin this statement by expressing to DOE Parents &amp; Families, specifically those from District 75, my most sincere condolences along with my most heartfelt apology. There won't be any glazed-over, starry-eyed propaganda advertising my bid to return to Education Council life: To do so would be a short-sighted and highly-insulting disregard of the turmoil (in various degrees) wrought on those trying to educate during COVID-19. I'm currently finishing up my second straight term on the Citywide District 75 Council: Regardless of the May 2021 Election outcome, I'll always carry with me that the District 75 Community would have suffered less during this pandemic if the first term I served was as profound as the second. This is not hyperbole: COVID has laid bare the inequities and loss of those most vulnerable. It has given me pause to consider how my efforts affect others. With that, I present to you my intentions, if re-elected, of how I aim to conclude my time as an Education Council member = my Daughter is currently a sophomore in high school so this next term would be my last. The effects of COVID are sure to resonate prominently through the next two years of those elected this Spring. As resources are reallocated to recover what COVID has taken from us, fostering ongoing lines of communication is the key to getting as much as possible for DOE Parents (trying to recover themselves) during this critical time! This starts with regularly keeping in touch with Parent Coordinators to ensure device distribution and operational status are at their maximum levels. Even when Council Meetings resume being held in-person, not every Parent is going to be able to attend = COVID has made the hurdle of not being able to physically be there obsolete. Secondly, empowering committees on Councils (i.e. Outreach, Safety, Capacity, etc.) to meet as often as possible is vital to multiplying the amount of times Parents have a chance to express their needs. This will empower themselves: Building up their self-esteem out of the depths of realizing they're isolated with their troubles. This should strengthen Community bonds such that the Powers That Be can't double- or triple-talk Parents into confusion and frustration. Also, Councils are only required to hold one Public Meeting a month to hear from their Constituents: Settling for that after what COVID Life has taught us is unacceptable. Lastly, it's using that committee work and info from monthly Council Meetings to seek partnerships with other Councils, community organizations, union, DOE and Public Officials in an expectation of consistent transparency and accountability. It's not a guarantee that all corrections of inequities will be resolved the first go-round, however, the Powers That Be will be forced to produce more desirable results because they'll have to Respect the thorough efforts it took to ask them. Plus, it will be easier to add ammunition to the advocacy because so much work was done in the first place. These are the lessons I've learned as a Council Member this past term that has just started to produce results. I will be honored to have your vote and be given the opportunity to continue this progress come this time of the year in 2024. Continued Blessings of Good Health and Happiness to you all regardless.</p>



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NOELLE TORRES-CINTRON	CCD75	Citywide Council for District 75 (CCD75)	75X596	YES	NO	<p>Hello! I am the mother of an extraordinary little nugget who was diagnosed with Autism when he was 15 months old. This early diagnosis completely changed the trajectory of our lives because as a family we were able to get our little boy the services he needed to excel and progress academically and socially. And while this journey has not been without its challenges I am forever thankful for my son's academic and related services tribe for their patience and dedication. Whether it's the therapists who work through my son's meltdowns or his teacher(s) who check in with me frequently about his progress and work with him to get him to where he needs to be. I have always felt lucky and empowered to advocate for my son and his education within the District 75 universe. We work as a team. I understand the importance of collectively working together, especially this school year having had the opportunity to finally join my son's SLT. Additionally, as a mother of a child with special needs, I understand that all children learn differently and these differences need to be acknowledged and respected. I would love to serve in this capacity as part of the education council and look forward to the opportunity to do so.</p>

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SHEPHATHIAH TOWNSEND	CCD75	Citywide Council for District 75 (CCD75)	02M340	NO	NO	I was born in NYC, went to NYC public schools (PS41 and Stuyvesant High School) and am the parent of two children currently in public school. My daughter is in a D75 program - she has autism. And my son attends PS340. With experience that spans generations and programs (from gifted to special needs) I feel confident that I can bring a level of expertise to whichever council I join. I have spent the past six years advocating for my daughter, ensuring that she receives the adequate and appropriate education to which she is entitled. I would very much like the opportunity to advocate for children across all boroughs (on a city-wide council) or closer to home (were I to sit on the District 2 council). I was raised by a single parent and understand how important a strong public school system is for all families - regardless of income. As someone who has attended both mainstream schools and one of the specialized programs the city has to offer, and now has a child in a program that serves children with special needs, I have seen firsthand the diverse issues our school system faces. I feel confident in my ability to advocate for one population while still being mindful of another. Confident in my ability to push for equity across all populations, rather than lifting one up to the detriment of others. I came up in this city during the 1980s and have seen NYC pull itself back from the brink of disaster. I have also seen what happens when we only have an eye trained on money, over people, how that can be harmful as well. I have served on the board of the Stuyvesant High School Alumni Association (including being second-vice president) and conducted alumni interviews for my alma mater (Dartmouth College). Continuing to be an active member of my community is important to me. While COVID forced me (and most New Yorkers) to press pause, I am ready and excited to get back in the game. I hope you will consider me for a position on the council and look forward to getting to work together.
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NINA VAUGHAN	CCD75	Citywide Council for District 75 (CCD75)	03M075	YES	NO	<p>I am mother four boys. Three of children attended public schools and I just want to see all children excel and succeed. Especially children with IEP and district 75 children. They have a lot of obstacles to get over. Being a mother with two children that was diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder I know first hand. One of my children have a mild diagnosis and the other is non verbal, so I know the challenges that they face first hand. I just want what's best for them and other children as well.</p>
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DICODA WESTBROOK	CCD75	Citywide Council for District 75 (CCD75)	75Q009	YES	NO	I am the mother of a vivacious 7 year old boy on the spectrum, his needs are my focus and my goal is to ensure that they are met. I am the younger sister to a woman now in her 40s who resides in a home upstate (also on the spectrum but very low functioning). I am currently a social worker on a psychiatric unit in the south Bronx. Mental health is my passion. Ensuring that the humans of this city (from infancy to geriatric) are mentally healthy is not a new calling but I find that due to current events my desire for this city to thrive has been reawakened. Its important for our children to be educated, it's important to their sense of self, worth and to their autonomy. My 7 year old boy is a miracle to me, your littles (always a little whether they're 3 months or 33 years) are your miracles and its important to me that our educational tribe band together to protect these miracles. To forward agendas that support their educational excellence and their social growth. I have absolutely no experience on an educational council. I wish to gain some experience, to be useful to my kiddo and yours.
Pamela Woodson	CCD75	Citywide Council for District 75 (CCD75)	75X721	YES	NO	