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Alexandra Atkin	CCHSThe Bronx	Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS)(The Bronx)	10X696	YES	NO	My name is Alexandra (Alex) Atkin. I am a third generation New York City native and as a life long educator, I have always been interested in serving on a citywide council. I am a proud product of the NYC public school system, have spent my career in various roles in education beginning in 1991 with Teach For America in South Central, LA. I taught in District 6 Washington Heights for ten years, obtained my National Board for Professional Teach Standards Certification and my Masters in Elementary Education and as a reading specialist. Since 2004 I have been working with adults in the field of Professional Development and Program Evaluation. First, as a mentor for new teachers in the NYC Department of Education and then for Teachstone, the developers of the CLASS tool (see Teachstone.com) as a coach, program evaluator and senior trainer/ advisor for age levels infant through high school. I have worked with
Mohammed Ayub	CCHSThe Bronx	Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS)(The Bronx)	04M435	NO	NO	I want to help to make a difference in our children's life and hope to help most my African parents who have difficulty due to cultural barrier.
Mohammed Ayub	CCHSThe Bronx	Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS)(The Bronx)	09X128	NO	NO	I want to help to make a difference in our children's life and hope to help most my African parents who have difficulty due to cultural barrier.
Mohammed Ayub	CCHSThe Bronx	Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS)(The Bronx)	09X260	NO	NO	I want to help to make a difference in our children's life and hope to help most my African parents who have difficulty due to cultural barrier.
Toni Sherry-Ann Benjamin	CCHSThe Bronx	Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS)(The Bronx)	11X545	NO	NO	I'm sure that I will repent the school in so many different ways I'm a very hard worker when it come on to be eduction council I'm also a very active person will to take up any activities given to me so I'm sure that I'm a perfect candidate to run for the PTA thank you so much for chose me as a candidate
Ngouille Cisse	CCHSThe Bronx	Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS)(The Bronx)	02M394	NO	YES	I am Ngouille cisse Emmigrant from west Africa (Senegal)am mother of 4 students in New York public school I am health care worker and am a pta treasurer in one of my child school I bleleve that I will promote a new innovative l'ther chip family engegment for our committee

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Ngouille Cisse	CCHS The Bronx	Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS)(The Bronx)	84M265	NO	YES	I am Ngouille cisse Emmigrant from west Africa (Senegal)am mother of 4 students in New York public school I am health care worker and am a pta treasurer in one of my child school I bleleve that I will promote a new innovative l'ther chip family engegment for our committee.
Kimberly Crowder	CCHS The Bronx	Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS)(The Bronx)	11X021	NO	NO	
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Edith Cumbe Trujillo	CCHS The Bronx	Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS)(The Bronx)	10X353	NO	YES	<p>Mi motivacion a participar en el Consejo de Educacion es transmitir e incentivar a los jovenes a visualizar su anhelos en el futuro, Creo necesario y fundamental organizar reuniones enlas escuelas de bajo rendimiento con personajes que han subido los escalones de la vida actualmente tienen éxito. No es lo mismo leer el mensaje, ver por imágenes a escuchar personalmente Eso llena de motivación a nuestros chicos desde que ingresan a estudiar Adicional se debe incluir materias de finanzas. economía, conozca el mundo real futuro van a tener.</p> <p>My motivation to participate in the Education Council is to transmit and encourage young people to visualize their hopes for the future, I believe it is necessary and fundamental to organize meetings in low-performing schools with characters who have climbed the steps of life and are currently successful.</p>
Sandra Dejesus	CCHS The Bronx	Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS)(The Bronx)	08X048	NO	NO	I believe every parent or guardian should have a voice in what is going on with children, school and all parties involved , to learn how we can learn new things on ways to help each other.

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Bonita Dent	CCHSThe Bronx	Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS)(The Bronx)	10X434	YES	NO	Hi my name is Bonita Dent I have spent most of my life taking care of people. The love I have for helping when I can. I am an advocate for the people, and very determined to evoke change whenever I can, I organized a Tenants Association in December of 2020, In my building because I felt it was needed. I work with the tenants and the management monthly to resolve and discuss issues. I started a women group call W.I.S.E. and that stands for WOMEN IN SPIRITUAL EVOLUTION, I have done back to school drives for 3 years, I work with the after school. Beacon, I am a Mother of 3 I have 8 grandkids and a foster parent of 3,
Bonita Dent	CCHSThe Bronx	Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS)(The Bronx)	12X214	NO	NO	Hi my name is Bonita Dent I have spent most of my life taking care of people. The love I have for helping when I can. I am an advocate for the people, and very determined to evoke change whenever I can, I organized a Tenants Association in December of 2020, In my building because I felt it was needed. I work with the tenants and the management monthly to resolve and discuss issues. I started a women group call W.I.S.E. and that stands for WOMEN IN SPIRITUAL EVOLUTION, I have done back to school drives for 3 years, I work with the after school. Beacon, I am a Mother of 3 I have 8 grandkids and a foster parent of 3,
Bonita Dent	CCHSThe Bronx	Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS)(The Bronx)	12X383	NO	NO	Hi my name is Bonita Dent I have spent most of my life taking care of people. The love I have for helping when I can. I am an advocate for the people, and very determined to evoke change whenever I can, I organized a Tenants Association in December of 2020, In my building because I felt it was needed. I work with the tenants and the management monthly to resolve and discuss issues. I started a women group call W.I.S.E. and that stands for WOMEN IN SPIRITUAL EVOLUTION, I have done back to school drives for 3 years, I work with the after school. Beacon, I am a Mother of 3 I have 8 grandkids and a foster parent of 3,
Scott Douglass	CCHSThe Bronx	Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS)(The Bronx)	10X445	NO	NO	I love our public schools. Up until high school, I took advantage of all opportunities to be involved with my child's education. I would be grateful for a chance to give my direct support to the wider school community. I am an old time liberal in the vein of John Dewey and truly believe in the critical role played by public education in the generation of a bright future for humanity and our planet.
Keyna Franklin	CCHSThe Bronx	Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS)(The Bronx)	10X351	NO	NO	Hello my name is Keyna Franklin I would like to be apart of the SLT or PA I was on the SLT and PA at both of my daughter school for 3year's at both elementary and middle school. I would like to be apart and I have big idea on how to help parent's be more interactive with the student. At my daughter Middle I help get the parent active so the parent's can see what the children are doing I also helped them with active for parent's and students. we had thanksgiving lunch and Christmas party and halloween dance's were the children and the parents can dress up and win gifts it was something for the parent's and children together and have fun. We had math night so the parents know what math the children was doin and the parent's can keep up with the work. I would like it if you would pick me to be apart of the school.

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Elaine Garcia	CCHS The Bronx	Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS)(The Bronx)	10X141	YES	NO	Elaine Garcia Bronx, New York Thank you for considering my application to serve on an Education Council. I have lived in Bronx, NY since 1990. My daughter was born in 2005 and has always gone to public school in our Riverdale neighborhood. As a working mother having my daughter in a safe and positive school environment is very important. From early on in my child's education I made sure I was at every Parent/Teacher conference, every classroom or school wide celebration or any event the school invited parents to. PS 81 knew I was Gabriella's mom for all the right reasons! When the school need me, I was there and when I needed them, they were always available for me. My positive experience with NYC schools should be every parent's experience if not better. I want to offer my perspective as a parent in the NYC schools, my expertise as a working professional and my compassion as a proud member of the Puerto Rican
Maria Garcia	CCHS The Bronx	Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS)(The Bronx)	12X251	YES	NO	
Maria Garcia	CCHS The Bronx	Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS)(The Bronx)	75X352	YES	NO	
Rosel Garcia	CCHS The Bronx	Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS)(The Bronx)	08X072	NO	NO	My name is Rosel Garcia, I work with Families and Children as a case planner. I graduated from College of Staten Island in 2019 with a bachelor's degree in Sociology with a concentration in Psychology. Currently, I'm pursuing my Master's degree in Health Education & Promotion at Lehman College. The reason why I want to be part of the city council is because I would like to share my previous educational knowledge and make a difference in NYC- schools. During my career as a Sociologist, I was able to learn that NYC schools and students are affected by several issues and I would like to address different solutions to get a better outcome of the situation affecting our schools. My plan is to create an agenda that address each of the most serious problems and contact the borough representative where the school is located to request for their support. In addition, I would like to write letters to the NYC department of Health explaining these concerns I have and how they can provide more resources to keep teachers and student safe.
Rosel Garcia	CCHS The Bronx	Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS)(The Bronx)	08X558	YES	NO	My name is Rosel Garcia, I work with Families and Children as a case planner. I graduated from College of Staten Island in 2019 with a bachelor's degree in Sociology with a concentration in Psychology. Currently, I'm pursuing my Master's degree in Health Education & Promotion at Lehman College. The reason why I want to be part of the city council is because I would like to share my previous educational knowledge and make a difference in NYC- schools. During my career as a Sociologist, I was able to learn that NYC schools and students are affected by several issues and I would like to address different solutions to get a better outcome of the situation affecting our schools. My plan is to create an agenda that address each of the most serious problems and contact the borough representative where the school is located to request for their support. In addition, I would like to write letters to the NYC department of Health explaining these concerns I have and how they can provide more resources to keep teachers and student safe.

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Vjollca Gjidia	CCHS The Bronx	Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS)(The Bronx)	11X542	NO	NO	
Fernando Gonce	CCHS The Bronx	Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS)(The Bronx)	11X455	NO	NO	
Fiordaliza Gonzalez	CCHS The Bronx	Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS)(The Bronx)	10X442	NO	YES	

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Violeta Guevara	CCHS The Bronx	Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS)(The Bronx)	07X223	YES	YES	<p>Hola ,buenas tardes, mi nombre es Violeta Guevara,mi hija atiende la escuela preparatoria Ms./Hs 223 en Bronx New York 10451. Ella cursa el 10th grado y tiene un plan de estudio individualizado(IEP). Desde que. Omenzaron la escuela mis hijos me.he involucrado en su education academica,he participatory en la asociacion de Padres de familia, como presidenta, tesorera,president,, enndiferentes tiempos,tambion he participado en el equipment de liderazgo ,he tomado el puesta de president en el consejo de education del dialumnas, al que pertenece mi hija. Dos anos anteriores ,en el 2018 forme parte del equipo de Arete, donde se imparten talleres para enriquecimiento de los alumnos. He hecho talleres en la misma localidad para impartir clases de crochet y tejido a los Padres de.familia, pero lo que mas me ha llevado a estar siempre involucrada en la educion de los ninos es,porque me parece que cada nino es diferente y cada uno tiene necesidades diferentes,muchos Padres no saben que hay infinidad de programas y la ayuda necesaria,asa como tambion, no saben que todos tiene derechos a recibir las terapias y programs adecuados ,para su transition y asi obtener exito en las metas que se propongan. Me gusta trabajar para mi Comunidad pero sobre todo poder informar e intruir a los Padres a que nada es imposible. Si me dan la oportunidad de pertenecer al consejo de education, haro lo mejor de mi ,para dar sported a cada una de las familia con un niÃ±o especial. Ningun nino tiene que quedarse atras. Muchas gracias por la atencion prestada.</p> <p>Hello, good afternoon, my name is Violeta Guevara, my daughter attends Ms./Hs 223 High School in Bronx New York 10451. She is in 10th grade and has an Individualized Study Plan (IEP). Since. My children started school. I have been involved in their academic education, I have participated in the Parents' association, as president, treasurer, president ,, in different times, I have also participated in the leadership team, I have taken the position as president of the student education council, to which my daughter belongs. Two years earlier, in 2018 she was part of the Arete team, where workshops are given to enrich the students. I have done workshops in the same town to teach crochet and knitting classes to the parents of the family, but what most has led me to always be involved in the education of children is, because it seems to me that each child It is different and each one has different needs, many parents do not know that there are infinite programs and the necessary help, as well as, they do not know that everyone has the right to receive the appropriate therapies and programs, for their transition and so on. obtain success in the goals that are proposed. I like to work for my Community but above all to be able to inform and instruct Parents that nothing is impossible. If they give me the opportunity to belong to the education council, I will do my best to give sported to each of the families with a special child. No child has to be left behind. Thank you very much for your attention.</p>
Sherrita Huntington	CCHS The Bronx	Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS)(The Bronx)	11X016	YES	NO	<p>Serving on the Education Council for special education is very important to me because as a parent of 3 children with special needs I feel I have a lot of experience in the area and understand the needs and struggles of all Parents Educators and Students.</p>
Sherrita Huntington	CCHS The Bronx	Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS)(The Bronx)	11X181	NO	NO	<p>Serving on the Education Council for special education is very important to me because as a parent of 3 children with special needs I feel I have a lot of experience in the area and understand the needs and struggles of all Parents Educators and Students.</p>

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Sherrita Huntington	CCHSThe Bronx	Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS)(The Bronx)	11X287	YES	NO	Serving on the Education Council for special education is very important to me because as a parent of 3 children with special needs I feel I have a lot of experience in the area and understand the needs and struggles of all Parents Educators and Students.
Sherrita Huntington	CCHSThe Bronx	Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS)(The Bronx)	11X455	YES	NO	Serving on the Education Council for special education is very important to me because as a parent of 3 children with special needs I feel I have a lot of experience in the area and understand the needs and struggles of all Parents Educators and Students.
Lourdes Jibodh	CCHSThe Bronx	Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS)(The Bronx)	08X376	YES	NO	I am proud to be a New York City Public School parent of a student with an Individual Education Plan (IEP). He is currently attending the 11th grade at Antonia Pantoja Preparatory Academy (08x376), serving students who are in grades 6-12. During my son's educational career, he faced many challenges. These challenges encouraged me to learn more about the services that New York City Public Schools provide for students with learning disabilities. I have taken the time to understand the policies of the Special Education Program in order to better support and advocate not only for my child, but to help educate other parents so they are also able to advocate for their children, if necessary. As a result of my advocacy, I became an elected member of the Community Education Council of District 8 (CEC8) to represent the interests of parents of students with Individual Education Plans and the interests of students with Individual Education Plans. In addition, since 2010, I have served as a Parent Association President in my child's elementary school, middle school, and now high school. I had the honor of serving four and a half terms as the elected Presidents' Council President. In this role, I oversaw all Parent Associations and Parent-Teacher Associations within the 36 schools of District 8. I also served two consecutive terms as an elected Executive Board Member of the Chancellor's Presidents' Council where I continue to represent our borough as the Bronx High School Federation Presidents' Council President. I believe deeply in the Bronx! I also believe deeply in the New York City Public Education System! I believe in ALL students! Even though I speak of my experience regarding my son and advocating for him and other students with IEP, I am here to advocate for all students. I believe that our children are all gifted and talented scholars capable of acquiring a good education and capable of flourishing within our public school system, eventually becoming successful citizens and giving back to their community. Being a current council member at CEC8, appointed by the Bronx Borough President, I bring to you my experience and knowledge of re-zoning policies, resolving community affairs, collaborating with the Superintendents, and working together to empower parents. Overall, I also believe that the relationships that I have built with parents, staff members, and the greater community will be a tremendous asset to any of the Community & Citywide Councils. If elected, I will add to the stability and consistency of the work that we as council members do on a 24/7 basis.
Hazel Johnson	CCHSThe Bronx	Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS)(The Bronx)	11X542	NO	NO	My intent is to be knowable and participate in my child getting a good education and to be well rounded. I have interest in my neighborhood and community. Also, I have been part of several associations in the past, including PTA and SLT. (HJ)

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Flandesia Jones	CCHSThe Bronx	Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS)(The Bronx)	09X260	NO	NO	My name is Flandesia Jones parent to an Eleven grader, at BxCSM former president of the PA/PTA, gave up the position to concentrate on my thesis for my doctorate degree, present secretary of the Bronx High School Federation. Becoming a member of the council I will work with other members to bridge the disparity of education in the Bronx ensure that families are provided with resources to reduce and improve educational outcomes and increase college graduation rate in the Bronx. Our youths should have the same opportunities as their peers in Manhattan for a chance to a healthy start to life.
Lucinda Jones	CCHSThe Bronx	Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS)(The Bronx)	07X527	NO	NO	Serving on the Educational Council is important because education is essential. I have family and friends' children in the public school system. Education broadens children's horizons, minds, and skills. Through education, you can build productive children. I'm a single mother, college student, worker, and volunteer. I have gone and attend PTA meetings and been apart of SLT. I enjoy giving back to my community. My relevant experience is 17 years in the public school system. I observed things on an intrapersonal and an interpersonal level.
Oleg Kovrizhkin	CCHSThe Bronx	Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS)(The Bronx)	10X445	NO	NO	I have a Ph.D.in Mathematics from Caltech and worked in the academia for a few years(Institute for Advanced Study and MIT) with teaching experience at Caltech and MIT (undergraduate and graduate Math courses). For the last 10 years I have been working as a Quant Business Manager at Bloomberg LP. My children are First-Generation Americans.I support rigorous education based on meritocracy, talent and hard work. Everyone should be given an equal opportunity to apply to top schools but the selection should bebased on competitive exams in Math (AMC8 or AMC10 as an example), English, Sciences without any explicit or implicit discrimination to avoid any unfair advantage except for student's results. The quality of the school is mostly determined by the quality, culture and spirit of its students. The diversity can be brought by exceling in different subjects like Math, English, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Computer Science, Social Science, etc. I also support earlier opening of schools closed due to the pandemia for those who wish to attend it in person. As an endurance runner and a triathlete I support better Physical Education in school as well as outside of school to cover many aspects of physical fitness from running, swimming, gymnastics to team sports with everyday physical activity. I support that each subject taught in school should have three levels: Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced with certain criteria based on academic achievements in that subject to place students in those levels including personal preference. Of course there should be schools without entrance exams for those who prefer a less competitive environment. With more demand for competitive schools I believe that more such schools should be opened in the city by introducing entrance exams and three-level classes. I also support that the opinion of parents of students should be taken into account regarding certain decisions by DOE as parents directly represent their interests and interests of their children and pay their city taxes and thus should have a direct say on how this money is used by DOE (no taxation without representation) which can be done by parental voting online (or in person). I also support a better security at schools and around schools to provide a safer environment by hiring the police and private security.

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Deborah Kross	CCHS The Bronx	Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS)(The Bronx)	03M054	NO	NO	<p>I am applying to serve on the CCHS starting in July 2020. I am a parent of 3 children - my eldest is a sophomore at Bronx Science, and I also have a 7th grader and a 5th grader. I live in Harlem. My children have always attended public schools and have been receiving a great education. I was born in France and have been calling New York home for now 20 years. My day job is banking, where I focus on raising financing for large renewable generation projects. My career has taught me to work collaboratively with people bringing different skills to the table and with sometimes a strong divergence of opinion. In a male-dominated industry, I am particularly proud of Women in Project Finance, an initiative I launched almost a decade ago to promote women in my field. I also mentor a dozen of young women starting their careers. I have participated and held positions in my children's schools' PTAs and served as class parent multiple time (currently for my two youngest). I started regularly attending my district CEC meetings several years ago. At those meetings, a number of important conversations were had - including on safety, budget, and equity. I have spent many hours listening and often voiced my opinion as I believe it is important for CECs across the city to hear from parents in order to fulfill their duty of representing their constituents - the parents. I am now motivated to serve the CCHS because I believe our public school system and High Schools in particular are at a turning point. March will mark the one-year anniversary since my high schooler has set foot in school. Our children's experiences are all different during this unprecedented time, but they are all affected mentally. The mayor and DOE leaders have demonstrated their profound incompetence dealing with the crisis. As there is now a true election for the councils, I am hopeful that the CCHS and the CECs become the true voice of the parents and engage a productive dialogue with the new administration and DOE. Going to school in New York City is a unique opportunity. Our city has over 500 high schools to serve all interests and learners. It is critical that we ensure that our children graduate with a proficiency in core subjects, prepared for their first jobs or for college. Unfortunately, this has not been the case for too many of our high schoolers. Instead of courageously addressing the issue, the current DOE leadership has been complacent, lowering standards, eliminating tests so that they are not held accountable, and bragging about higher than ever graduation rates. At the same time, they have relentlessly attacked successful schools for the sole purpose of political posturing - instead of using these as models to improve all schools. It is time for the CCHS to confront the DOE and demand high quality high schools for all students, and I am hoping to become your advocate to achieve this goal.</p>

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Deborah Kross	CCHS The Bronx	Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS)(The Bronx)	03M163	NO	NO	I am applying to serve on the CCHS starting in July 2020. I am a parent of 3 children - my eldest is a sophomore at Bronx Science, and I also have a 7th grader and a 5th grader. I live in Harlem. My children have always attended public schools and have been receiving a great education. I was born in France and have been calling New York home for now 20 years. My day job is banking, where I focus on raising financing for large renewable generation projects. My career has taught me to work collaboratively with people bringing different skills to the table and with sometimes a strong divergence of opinion. In a male-dominated industry, I am particularly proud of Women in Project Finance, an initiative I launched almost a decade ago to promote women in my field. I also mentor a dozen of young women starting their careers. I have participated and held positions in my children's schools' PTAs and served as class parent multiple time (currently for my two youngest). I started regularly attending my district CEC meetings several years ago. At those meetings, a number of important conversations were had - including on safety, budget, and equity. I have spent many hours listening and often voiced my opinion as I believe it is important for CECs across the city to hear from parents in order to fulfill their duty of representing their constituents - the parents. I am now motivated to serve the CCHS because I believe our public school system and High Schools in particular are at a turning point. March will mark the one-year anniversary since my high schooler has set foot in school. Our children's experiences are all different during this unprecedented time, but they are all affected mentally. The mayor and DOE leaders have demonstrated their profound incompetence dealing with the crisis. As there is now a true election for the councils, I am hopeful that the CCHS and the CECs become the true voice of the parents and engage a productive dialogue with the new administration and DOE. Going to school in New York City is a unique opportunity. Our city has over 500 high schools to serve all interests and learners. It is critical that we ensure that our children graduate with a proficiency in core subjects, prepared for their first jobs or for college. Unfortunately, this has not been the case for too many of our high schoolers. Instead of courageously addressing the issue, the current DOE leadership has been complacent, lowering standards, eliminating tests so that they are not held accountable, and bragging about higher than ever graduation rates. At the same time, they have relentlessly attacked successful schools for the sole purpose of political posturing - instead of using these as models to improve all schools. It is time for the CCHS to confront the DOE and demand high quality high schools for all students, and I am hoping to become your advocate to achieve this goal.
Deborah Kross	CCHS The Bronx	Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS)(The Bronx)	10X445	NO	NO	I am applying to serve on the CCHS starting in July 2020. I am a parent of 3 children - my eldest is a sophomore at Bronx Science, and I also have a 7th grader and a 5th grader. I live in Harlem. My children have always attended public schools and have been receiving a great education. I was born in France and have been calling New York home for now 20 years. My day job is banking, where I focus on raising financing for large renewable generation projects. My career has taught me to work collaboratively with people bringing different skills to the table and with sometimes a strong divergence of opinion. In a male-dominated industry, I am particularly proud of Women in Project Finance, an initiative I launched almost a decade ago to promote women in my field. I also mentor a dozen of young women starting their careers. I have participated and held positions in my children's schools' PTAs and served as class parent
Randi Langford	CCHS The Bronx	Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS)(The Bronx)	10X445	NO	NO	I am a long time resident of New York City who has an MA in early childhood education from Teacher's College at Columbia University. I have spent many years in business and sales roles. These roles combined offer me a skill set that will help evaluate the tools and resources that our children need. I have a vision that allows children to become leaders, mentors and empathetic individuals. I possess excellent communication skills that will allow me to impart whatever I learn with those at all levels. I look to make improvements where needed but also to focus on all the things that are currently in place and are working to see how we grow that platform. This job requires someone who can be a lynchpin and I can be that person. An excellent communicator and presenter I would like to be an asset to our children and the families of the district

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Erika Luna	CCHSThe Bronx	Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS)(The Bronx)	10X141	NO	NO	Good Afternoon, I grew up in New York City and attended NYC Public Schools. I also attended a local College. I am a Bronx resident whose raising a middle school student and one High School student that attend NYC schools. I wanted to join the CEC years ago but couldn't because it was a Conflict of Interest. I have worked as a Police Officer and recently submitted my application for retirement. This will no longer be an issue. I have seen first hand what happens to New York City children who stop attending school. Unfortunately, high school is extremely pivotal and detrimental in determining that outcome. I previously worked for the Administration for Children's Services as a case manager and special rates liaison. My oldest child has an Individualized Education Plan and I am a strong supporter of educators. Success comes from a collaboration between parents and teachers. I am more than willing to serve. I have an excellent work ethic and while I never joined the Parents Association, I would volunteer to drop off supplies when requested to support their necessary cause. I am impartial and believe in respecting other people viewpoints even when they don't match my own.
Erika Luna	CCHSThe Bronx	Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS)(The Bronx)	10X141	YES	NO	Good Afternoon, I grew up in New York City and attended NYC Public Schools. I also attended a local College. I am a Bronx resident whose raising a middle school student and one High School student that attend NYC schools. I wanted to join the CEC years ago but couldn't because it was a Conflict of Interest. I have worked as a Police Officer and recently submitted my application for retirement. This will no longer be an issue. I have seen first hand what happens to New York City children who stop attending school. Unfortunately, high school is extremely pivotal and detrimental in determining that outcome. I previously worked for the Administration for Children's Services as a case manager and special rates liaison. My oldest child has an Individualized Education Plan and I am a strong supporter of educators. Success comes from a collaboration between parents and teachers. I am more than willing to serve. I have an excellent work ethic and while I never joined the Parents Association, I would volunteer to drop off supplies when requested to support their necessary cause. I am impartial and believe in respecting other people viewpoints even when they don't match my own.
Albert Marquez	CCHSThe Bronx	Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS)(The Bronx)	10X141	NO	NO	I am running for a position on the Citywide Education Council to have a voice in the direction of the education for NYC students, including my own children. I have two boys in high school, grades 9 and 11 respectively. Often times, life and work is an impediment to getting involved but I have come to realize that time must be set aside to give back. That time for me has come. I have many years of professional experience that have led me to this point where I feel my skillset can be an asset to the Education Council. I am a member of the New York Bar. I currently hold FINRA Series 7, 24, 53, and 66 licenses. I am a FINRA arbitrator. I have a Juris Doctor degree from Fordham University School of Law. I have a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from California State University, Los Angeles, CA From 2011 to present I am employed as a Corporate Vice President at New York Life Insurance Company in White
Natalie Maxwell	CCHSThe Bronx	Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS)(The Bronx)	11X514	NO	NO	I've worked in Westchester for many years and almost everyone I know yearns for their child/children to attend a Westchester County School. It's been 6 months and my first experience having a child in a DOE school. I must say I am impressed and greatly appreciate all the hard work that is put forth by the people I've been in contact with. However, there is a lot that needs to be done. There are so many resources to be availed, but I think that certain functions are not systematically organized to better allow for optimal utilization of services. An overload of information can be a hindrance rather than an opportunity. In my current capacity as a college employee, I believe I have the skills and aptitude to make a positive difference as a member.
Denisha Miller	CCHSThe Bronx	Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS)(The Bronx)	09X250	YES	NO	Good morning to you all! My name is Denisha Miller, and currently is a parent of a IEP student that have been getting services since elementary school. However, I think I can be a good representation for being a member on the council board because I am not afraid to speak up about what kids have been going through from converting from going in-person all the time to school, to being committed to being a virtual student. From being a extrovert student, to strictly being introvert student just to get the work done. Also, being part of my son's current PTA group, going to the virtual meetings, how things can change for our future generation. Let me be your voice, and get a chance to show that our future generation can make it out of our communities with more knowledge if we get access to more programs even if its virtual. Have a good day! Regards, Denisha Miller

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Glenys Moya	CCHSThe Bronx	Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS)(The Bronx)	07X223	YES	NO	
Christine Noble	CCHSThe Bronx	Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS)(The Bronx)	11X455	YES	NO	My name is Christine Noble and I think that serving as part of Education Council is important because you get to be a part of the conversations that impact your child and the community. I was part of the CEC in district 8 and I attended every meeting that was given because I wanted to know and learn how to better support my son who is a student with an IEP and I was also part of the Parent Association. Many parents don't know the impact of their presence at these meetings and once I started attending I felt like I was a respected part of my education and school community because I got the information that the parents felt was vital to them. I was also able to encourage more parents to come to meetings by giving metro cards and sharing cab rides. I feel since we are now in a time when the fate of education in the schools is uncertain I can share my experiences and opinions about how I feel as a parent so we can move in a positive way towards making sure all students have access to technology and curriculum that they need to have a successful school year inspite of covid 19. I feel very sorry for all the students that could not celebrate their graduations during 2020. I think that there should be a conversation about how that can be achieved for our children who lost out. I also volunteer in my community at a local food pantry and have donated turkeys and numerous toys to kids in shelters to make sure they have everything they need while going through this tough time.
Parag Pande	CCHSThe Bronx	Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS)(The Bronx)	02M114	NO	NO	I bring a fresh perspective to the Education council. I have been on the School Committee of Friends Seminary, a private K-12 school near Union Square, as well as chair of its Finance Committee. I currently serve on the Board of Advisors of Trinity College at Duke University. I have spent over 20 years in various investment businesses, seeking to help them improve and overcome key challenges and bottlenecks. I am not the typical candidate that has spent many years as a PTA officer or in SLT/DLT service; however my commitment to education has been consistent with my board services and constant volunteer engagement throughout the community. I have decide to get involved now because I believe education in the city is facing numerous challenges that need active leadership that can engage with new perspectives. Inequity in our schools, the role of technology in learning, the state of mental health of our children, and how we prepare them for a rapidly changing economy are key questions that must be addressed with great urgency. I believe strongly in opportunity for all, from the high performing student striving to be the next president of our country, to the child that is struggling with learning disability to the child that is suffering from a lack of means. I have experience in bringing stakeholders together, establishing trust, creating urgency to solve problems and not merely debate them. I have an insatiable energy and inspiration to leave a better system for generations to come. This has become a calling for me, a feeling that with my experience, it would be a tragedy not to give back some how. I am grateful for what my children have received from our city's education system, but I know there is so much potential to do more.

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Nikos Papageorgiou	CCHSThe Bronx	Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS)(The Bronx)	02M167	NO	NO	<p>My name is Nikos Papageorgiou. I immigrated with my family from Greece in 1980 to North Carolina, where I attended College and became an Electrical Engineer. I am a product of the public education system, both in the US and abroad. I am now an entrepreneur, importing specialty foods from Greece and live in NYC with my wife and two boys, a 6th and 10th Grader. I pride myself for being very involved with the education and the overall upbringing of my kids. The reason I am running is to improve the communication channels between the Parents and the Schools/DOE, primarily as it relates to the way the Schools educate our kids on issues like Social Injustice, Equality, Acceptance, Diversity, Sexuality, Identity, Privilege, etc. I believe that there is a huge disconnect between Parents and the DOE/Schools and I would be like to be your advocate to try to bridge that gap. Even though most parents agree that these issues need to be addressed at an early age, I believe that many times we, as parents, are frustrated with the way, the duration, the speed, the scope and the scale that these very important issues are being addressed. In addition, the vast majority of us feels uncomfortable raising any questions/concerns feared that we and our kids will be viewed negatively. At the end, the question of rights and responsibilities comes in to play. Sure, the NYC DOE, has the responsibility to educate all the kids on various important issues, but do the parents have any right to at least be aware of that effort? Who knows what's best for my kid? The NYC DOE that has to take care of my kid, along with 1.2 million other kids, or I who only have to take care that one kid? Does the "one size fits all" approach ever work? Do I have a say? Should I have a say? I always see the best in people and I truly believe that the NYC DOE and our Schools are doing the very best job they can based on the data that they have, including the feedback they receive. So, the more we stay silent the more we provide them with the wrong data, leading them down the non-ideal path for our kids' well-being and letting them fly blind. I believe that the NYC DOE needs to hear what we have to say and it is our duty and responsibility to do so. Let's help them out. I believe that I am qualified for the position because, a) I am a VERY involved father with the education and upbringing of my children, so I know what's going on, and I will make it my job to know even more, b) I am a forthright, honest and outspoken debater, who will back his statements with facts and data. I am not trying to tell the NYC DOE what to teach, or even how to teach it. I believe however that we need to separate the meanings of "educating" a child and "raising" a child. I want the School to educate my child, but I expect them to leave the raising to me and I will be asking them that when there is an overlap, I want to know. If you share my position, please vote for me. Sincerely, Nikos Papageorgiou</p>

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Dean Parker	CCHS The Bronx	Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS)(The Bronx)	10X118	NO	NO	<p>We believe New York City to be a place of equality, progress and opportunity for all of us. Cultural diversity and identity rights within our high schools is an opportunity for parents and students to lead our city toward greater cultural equality. Our public high schools should reflect this mission. For example, our high schools might consider bilingual students to having an asset not a deficit and offer them a unit of study that appreciates this learned ability. We can promote more students faster and with academic and cultural assets that we know are valuable to our students' grades, graduating status, and our society. A performance-based unit can be developed that allows bilingual students greater academic success based on their ability in bilingual presentations. I am running for a position on the Citywide Council on High Schools to advance the cultural diversity and student identity of each of New York City's public high schools and their students. New York City's high school students serve our community by striving to make their own lives meaningful during a decade of social and economic change. Events of the last year make the next decade an opportunity to advance a curriculum, pedagogy and culture that achieves higher performance and attendance goals for all students. Our city has both affluence and poverty in great abundance and the young adults of our public high schools will be the foundation upon which our city will rely as seemingly inevitable change comes to how public services are provided to our community, schools included. Those parents and students who agree with these ideas, please vote for my position on the Citywide Council on High Schools and make each of the council's decision include an action that promotes the cultural diversity and student identity agenda, that we believe must have a pioneering voice on the high school Community Education Council. Let's hope there are many parents running for a Citywide Council on High Schools position on a similar agenda and that we can be a force on the Citywide Council on High Schools. As an immigrant, New Yorker and parent, I believe the education of our young adults furthers the spiritual health of our community. As candidate for Citywide Council on High Schools, I bring a lifelong commitment to education and society. I was born in Australia, the first 30 years of my life worked in industry and arts and graduated from Newcastle University with a Bachelor of Arts. I have been a member of two industrial trade unions and am currently a member of the Society of Fellows, Dyson College, Pace University. New York City became my home in 1996 and I am an American citizen. I am currently employed in film music arts and during spring and summer I perform on electric guitar at the James Baldwin Outdoor Learning Center Farmers Market on the DeWitt Clinton Campus. As a parent advocate, I have served as Parent Association President, co-chair of Presidents Council and Co-Vice President of the District 10 Community Education Council, 2013-15. During this period, my own passion for learning and service was important and I graduated from Pace University with a degree in public administration, MPA. I graduated with 4.0 GPA and won a scholarship to the Conference of Minority Public Administrators in Philadelphia where I presented on the topic of institutionalized marginalization. As a tertiary research assistant, I have assisted research programs at Teachers College Columbia University and Pace University. I currently work as a consultant in the production of music for film and TV. Political Affiliation: Independent.</p>

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Valinda Parrilla	CCHS The Bronx	Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS)(The Bronx)	07X522	NO	NO	
Valinda Parrilla	CCHS The Bronx	Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS)(The Bronx)	08X302	NO	NO	

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Jose Paulino	CCHSThe Bronx	Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS)(The Bronx)	09X413	YES	NO	As a person that came to this Country at the age of three, I have attended New York City public school all my life. I have seen how the system has failed us as students at times and how it has lifted us at times. Throughout the years I have seen how different students learn. This is helpful because we are all grouped together and expected to learn the information being given to us. This is a problem because not everyone learns the same way. We need to change parts of the system to better fit our students and our generation. We need to do a better job at preparing our student for the future and for being an active member of society. Students leave high school not knowing a thing of what it takes to be an adult. This is where our Educational system fails us as students. We need to make sure that we prepare our students for the future and how not only to survive but also strive in society. I will be able to hear the voices of my peers and be their voice in the council. I want our voices to be heard and to see changes happening because now is the time to make those changes before it is too late.
Rufina Pena	CCHSThe Bronx	Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS)(The Bronx)	12X550	NO	YES	
Gina Ramos	CCHSThe Bronx	Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS)(The Bronx)	08X371	NO	NO	Hello Everyone! I am interested in serving on the Citywide and Community Education Council because I strongly believe that parental involvement makes a significant impact on the quality of education and resources that our children receive. My children have been students of District 8 for over a decade and in that time I served as PTA Secretary for 2 years and currently serve as PA Treasurer, SLT Member and Title I representative. Having the opportunity to remain active as a parent leader to the extent that I have, especially during this most unique time in our children's educational careers, I would be honored to be elected to serve at the Citywide or District level for the upcoming term.
Gina Ramos	CCHSThe Bronx	Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS)(The Bronx)	08X558	NO	NO	Hello Everyone! I am interested in serving on the Citywide and Community Education Council because I strongly believe that parental involvement makes a significant impact on the quality of education and resources that our children receive. My children have been students of District 8 for over a decade and in that time I served as PTA Secretary for 2 years and currently serve as PA Treasurer, SLT Member and Title I representative. Having the opportunity to remain active as a parent leader to the extent that I have, especially during this most unique time in our children's educational careers, I would be honored to be elected to serve at the Citywide or District level for the upcoming term.
Ilka Rios	CCHSThe Bronx	Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS)(The Bronx)	12X511	YES	NO	Hi, My name is Ilka Rios and I am the parent of a 14 year old H.S. Freshman with an IEP. I have served as the former CEC President for D12 for 4 terms under 3 Superintendents. I've also held seats on the DIt as well as the SlT's in my daughter's school. I was the PTA Treasurer in her middle school & I am currently the PA President of her H.S. My daughter has been full remote since the start of the Pandemic but I have been helping the families in my community with my Council. Throughout this pandemic we have fed over 5K families even on Christmas Eve with the help of our District staff. My hope is to continue bringing knowledge and help to as many families as possible as it's my calling. I believe any parent who takes on the position should be willing to put in the work and anyone you speak with will tell you I am that parent up to the task. I hope to gain more knowledge with this new chapter by joining the H.S level.

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Sonia Rodriguez	CCHSThe Bronx	Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS)(The Bronx)	07X500	NO	NO	My name is Sonia and I have 3 children who have gone through the DOE system. I have been a member of their school's PA/PTA for over 17 yrs. Within these years I have held each position that allows for an active PA/PTA committee. I have served at the SLT and worked side by side with the school's Parent Coordinator helping build a bridge with the parents and school staff. I am also an active member at my union Local 1549 for over 23yrs. I am also a voting member at a few programs within the DOHMH. I grew into the role of activist, advocate and public speaker because there wasn't going to be a better time in my life to speak up and help others. I have gained experiences and knowledge that will stay with me for as long as my memory serves. I have always wanted to apply for a seat at the Education Councils but either I seen the application too late and deadline was met or I knew I couldn't commit at that time. The Education Council is important to me because I still have a child that has a few years of schooling before graduating from high school and I know I will always be involved with his education and with the school and community. I have the time to dedicate and the passion to help make a difference. I want to keep learning things and share some of my skills with agency such as this one. Thank you for the opportunity.
Tammy Rodriguez	CCHSThe Bronx	Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS)(The Bronx)	04M171	YES	NO	The education system In the United States has struggled To maintain resources in Special Education for our urban youth. Students are struggling with their grades to advanced to the next grades. During this pandemic, especially, students have had to adapt themselves to a "new classroom" and/ or a new school culture. They have suffered academically and personally. I have seen students with IEP's who struggled in the classroom with support now still struggling with added stressors. Many Special Education students and well as General Education students are struggling with Self regulation and discipline. I am a mother of 2 public school students. One student who is in High School and currently has an IEP and an honor student. I have also attended every IEP meeting for both of my children. I also have an eighth grader whom is a former IEP student who is now an honor student. I am a licensed music teacher who currently teaches in the Archdiocese of NYC. I also tutor reading and math for title 1 students within the Archdiocese of NYC. I currently have completed my Masters in Special Education. I am anticipating In acquiring my Teaching license for Special Education by July of 2021. I feel that I am a good candidate for the council because of my teaching background as well as having students who are former and current IEP students. I have a passion for the education system for NYC.
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Aurora Ronda	CCHSThe Bronx	Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS)(The Bronx)	08X293	YES	NO	I have been an active member of Community Education Council District 8 for 8 years. Fighting for the rights and resources needed for the children and their families. In these untrying times I would like to continue to do so. Our children are the future and I would love to make sure they get everything they need in education.

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Octavia Rushin	CCHSThe Bronx	Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS)(The Bronx)	08X130	NO	NO	My name is Octavia and I have 2 children, one in 4th grade and one in 12th grade, I am currently in my junior year of college for my bachelors in early childhood education and psychology. Serving on an Educational Council is important to me because it gives me the opportunity to help keep the local schools on track, and to also set policies that will affect my children and their schools as well. I started off as an early headstart parent with my older son and again with my younger son. During the time my younger son was in headstart, I would volunteer in the kitchen or read books to the students in the classrooms, Than eventually, they offered me a job as a Teachers Aid, I did that for 2 years and then I became an Assistant Teacher. After 3 years I became a <u>Lead Teacher for Early Head start and I still hold that position.</u>
Octavia Rushin	CCHSThe Bronx	Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS)(The Bronx)	08X530	NO	NO	My name is Octavia and I have 2 children, one in 4th grade and one in 12th grade, I am currently in my junior year of college for my bachelors in early childhood education and psychology. Serving on an Educational Council is important to me because it gives me the opportunity to help keep the local schools on track, and to also set policies that will affect my children and their schools as well. I started off as an early headstart parent with my older son and again with my younger son. During the time my younger son was in headstart, I would volunteer in the kitchen or read books to the students in the classrooms, Than eventually, they offered me a job as a Teachers Aid, I did that for 2 years and then I became an Assistant Teacher. After 3 years I became a <u>Lead Teacher for Early Head start and I still hold that position.</u>
Selene Serrano	CCHSThe Bronx	Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS)(The Bronx)	07X495	NO	NO	Great education is the key to a brighter future. It is the essence of progress and success. Now more than ever, our children need a structured approach, to not only obtaining good grades but for character development. Parent involvement, feedback and cooperation ensures education is being executed at its best specially in these challenging times. Now more than ever parents, teachers and administration must join forces through networking in order to overcome, as it is said, it takes a village, but I say we are that village!
Selene Serrano	CCHSThe Bronx	Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS)(The Bronx)	08X101	NO	NO	Great education is the key to a brighter future. It is the essence of progress and success. Now more than ever, our children need a structured approach, to not only obtaining good grades but for character development. Parent involvement, feedback and cooperation ensures education is being executed at its best specially in these challenging times. Now more than ever parents, teachers and administration must join forces through networking in order to overcome, as it is said, it takes a village, but I say we are that village!

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Itorye Silver	CCHSThe Bronx	Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS)(The Bronx)	10X445	NO	NO	Hello. My name is Itorye Silver and I am interested in a seat on the Citywide Education Council to advocate for students. A seat at the table would help me better understand the needs of the community and the actions being taken to serve those needs. I have actively participated in community organizations for over twenty years, working with students and families. I am a mother of a 15-year-old student who attends Bronx Science. I started my teaching career in the Bronx in 2001, teaching High School Earth Science at Banana Kelly from 2001-2003. During that time I worked with the Rock The Boat program and advocated for students at City Council. Life took a tangent when I met my daughter's father and gave birth in Australia. I ended up teaching abroad for the next seven years, primarily math and science, working with at-risk populations in rural Australia. I resumed teaching in NYC in 2011-2014 at New Heights Academy in Washington Heights. During that time I advocated for AP classes and began teaching High School Earth Science to 8th graders to facilitate their ability to compete with their peers for placement in college applications and extracurricular programs at the Museum of Natural History. This has been a strange year, where the connection and participation in the school community were limited to a screen and I had to sit and watch apathy replace my daughter's enthusiasm. I had grown used to being able to volunteer as needed - catering dances, working photo booths, decorating as needed - an adjunct to the PTA, a constant volunteer, but this year has disappeared, and I feel the need to participate in a more substantial way. Currently, I work in healthcare, as part of a team dedicated to integrative pain management. My former students helped shape that career change. They inspired me to go back to school and now it's time for me to give back to schools. As a dedicated parent and citizen, I have spent my life helping people access their strengths to overcome weaknesses and build solid foundations of knowledge and power. I trust that educated communities are healthier communities and that knowledge and access to quality education is a fundamental right, like clean air and water, essential to life. I am a good listener and a creative thinker. I am used to working with teams in difficult situations. I care about every student and every person because everyone is worth it. Please give me the opportunity to have a seat at the table. Best in health, Itorye
Nefertiti Smith	CCHSThe Bronx	Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS)(The Bronx)	10X439	YES	NO	My name is Nefertiti Smith and I would relish in the idea to run for a seat within the education council. I am currently employed as a School Counselor in a charter school In the Bronx but it is my first job as a mother which is why I would like to run. My daughter is currently 6 years of age and attends a high school in the Bronx. We need changes made to our educational system nationwide but why not start in NYC. Right now there are a vast amount of parents who still do not understand special education services. We are experiencing a global crisis in which we have no clue as to what the lasting implications will be. It is more crucial now than ever before how dire it is to have parent voice.
Nicole Smith	CCHSThe Bronx	Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS)(The Bronx)	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.
Nicole Smith	CCHSThe Bronx	Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS)(The Bronx)	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.

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Teneisha Swinton	CCHS The Bronx	Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS)(The Bronx)	09X263	NO	NO	
Souleymane Sy	CCHS The Bronx	Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS)(The Bronx)	11X545	NO	YES	My name is Souleymane Sy and I'm from Senegal (West Africa) I decide to run because I have dedication to help children success at school. The experiences I have with my kids schools put me in the position who can benefits to other children. Also having some background with education can help me in the way to bring people together in the path that can learn do make better for the future of our children.

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Glenny Valoy	CCHSThe Bronx	Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS)(The Bronx)	10X141	NO	NO	<p>Dr. Glenny Valoy, Ph.D., LMSW Personal Statement I was born in an impoverished neighborhood in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. On June 19, 1987 I immigrated to New York City (NYC) with my siblings to reunite with my mother. I lived in a one-bedroom apartment in the South Bronx with my mother, siblings, my maternal grandmother, and my maternal aunt. When I think about where I started in life and where I am today as a college professor, for the City University of New York (CUNY), I strongly feel it is my obligation to mentor and advocate for others to achieve what I have achieved up to this point through education. As a Latina immigrant in the late 1980s in NYC, I experienced many of the struggles our urban community students are faced with today in these challenging times: financial insecurities, (now exacerbated by the COVID-19 Pandemic), speaking English as a second language, and substandard high school education. In spite of the many challenges I endured since my arrival to the United States, I earned a high school diploma, a bachelor's degree in Sociology, a master's degree in Social Work, and a Ph.D. in Social Welfare. I am currently working for the Borough of Manhattan community College (BMCC) part of CUNY, as a tenured full-time Assistant Professor of Human Services. I also teach as an Adjunct Faculty for Fordham University Graduate School of Social Service. Before joining academia fulltime, I held various jobs in the mental health and healthcare fields where I worked with and for the Latinx and African American communities. But most relevant to this application, is my experience working in a school-based setting as a clinical social worker, where I worked closely with students, parents/families, teachers and administrators, addressing the multiple social and psychosocial factors impacting students' academic achievement. I have always believed in the holistic approach to education, where we are not only addressing the pupils' academic needs but other contributing factors impacting their overall life. Upon my completion of my doctoral degree in Social Welfare, I never imagined working full time as a professor. Academia was not initially my first career choice as I was intimidated by the thought of standing in front of a classroom and lecturing in a language I myself had to learn first. But that all changed when I went to BMCC as a guest-speaker to share about my academic journey. My most memorable moment of that exchange remains the questions the students posed to me: where are you from? My Spanish accent, and how did you get to become a doctor? I was inspired and captivated by their inquisitive minds but most of all their academic ambitions. I knew then how impactful I could be (in a classroom and other professional spaces) in the lives of young people aspiring to attain a college degree. Now, years later, I remain fully committed to continue inspiring (and to be inspired by) my students. My commitment to education is not only evident in my work experience, but also in my personal one. I have a magnificent teenage boy who has been attending the NYC public school since kindergarten. I have guided him and instilled in him the value of education, especially for young brown and black males. He is now a junior in high school and is actively engaged in the college search. He aspires to become a scientist with a focus on Forensic Science or Biochemistry. I want every child in NYC to have similar experience as my son. I am passionate about working with students (and their families) in the City of New York to help them achieve social mobility and economic stability through education. My educational background coupled with my work and life experiences make me uniquely qualified to hold a position for the Citywide Council on High Schools. I look forward to having you vote and overall support in this journey.</p>

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Robin Zgodny	CCHS The Bronx	Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS)(The Bronx)	10X445	NO	NO	<p>I grew up In NYC all my life. I can't imagine being anywhere else. I believe but for all my access and exposure that I had growing up here I wouldn't of been as successful as happy in my professional life . I went to NY Law school and after worked in Music I did try as in house counsel. I left because I wanted more creativity. I ended up at the most iconic fashion company in the world Ralph Lauren Polo and was there for 10 years moving up to VP marketing without any marketing education at all. Remember I was a lawyer. Then I was VP a worldwide Marketing at WHotels with out hotel management degree. Now I own my own Markeing branding company. None of it is because of my education it was that special access & experiences that usually is only for private school kids. I didn't go to public school because they didn't have any for me at the time but my son has gone since kindergarten. I could If loved into private school at any time but we didn't. The education and teachers are as good maybe better then private school. However I want to give our high school students that additional education and exposure afforded only to private schools.. Nee clubs and programs and access to leaders /influencers in the areas that only NYC has. Finance ARt world Media Real Estate Publishing Law Music Fashion Tech Hospitality PR& Marketing. Nyc public schools do not utilize what the city has to offer. I believe my success was due to that not my private school education but the doors it opened and the expenses i was lucky to have. I don't believe that it all boils down to money. The rationale for discontinuing the SATS because private school Kids have more Money and more tutors so that's why our kids can't get into the best schools. I dont believe that is the case all the time. Our kids with the right representatives advocating & creating and enhancing their education with those intangibles then with they can get it all and more. I have experience in leading diverse employees , balanced budgets, creating programs and events within and under budget . I have access to funding and loads of relationships partnerships and access . I can think out of the box and possibly bring a new way to enhance our kids education . We are in the best city in the world and NYC public schools do not act like they are and do not take advantage of it either. I think coming from private schools I can bring you what works and what doesn't and new fresh ideas . Than you for your consideration Best. Robin Ross</p>