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Johana Andujar	CCHSStatenIsland	Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS)(Staten Island)	31R051	YES	NO	
Johana Andujar	CCHSStatenIsland	Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS)(Staten Island)	31R445	YES	NO	
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Johana Andujar	CCHSStatenIsland	Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS)(Staten Island)	75R373	NO	NO	
Selina Atteberry	CCHSStatenIsland	Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS)(Staten Island)	31R450	NO	NO	<p>Greetings I am Selina Rochelle Atteberry and I am running to serve another term as your one Staten Island Parent Representative on the Citywide Council on High Schools. A little about me: I am a wife and a mother, which are my greatest joys, true essence, and the calling on my life. I have six children and one grandchild, who I adore immensely. My oldest is 39 and my youngest is 17 and currently a junior at Curtis High School in the Performing Arts program. It is because of these roles that I am able to present myself as I am: a very dedicated, loving, and supportive parent (and grandparent!) whose passion is to advocate for children, young adults, and my fellow parents. However, I cannot take all the credit for who I am, the people that I must give the most honor and gratitude to are my mother and father, Lillian and Webster. Even though they are no longer with me on earth, it was through their guidance, love, and support that made me capable to set my path in life. My parents taught me to always be kind, show love, and to be concerned with the welfare of others. They told me to be strong, disciplined, and dedicated to my life choices and above all to be faithful, honorable, and a person who someone can put their trust in. As a parent, I believe that our children are our greatest gifts and most valuable treasures. They are the fiber of our beings, the joy of our lives, and the smiles in our souls. Now they may test us from time to time! However, they are our babies (no matter how old they are) and we love them dearly and are their biggest advocates. It is too often that we, as parents, allow our voices to go unheard when it should be "must be" the first, loudest, and strongest voice when it comes to our children. We do not need to ask permission to be parents, we are the parents. It is because of this truth that I am serving and looking to remain one of your SI Parent Representatives; I will continue to fight to keep our voices uplifted when it comes to the whole well-being of our children. As parents, we should not be waiting on decisions to be made at the table, we should be at the table making the decisions. The world that makes up the path for our children's education "from the school doors to the highest in government" should be taking cues from us. Lately, it seems like our place at the table has been pushed aside and replaced by those set too far outside of our parent voices. As your CCHS SI Parent Representative, if I am elected to serve again, I will continue to build and work with all members of the school community, which will only create a more sound foundation for our children to stand, thrive and grow upon. Our children's educational, emotional and spiritual well-being is in our hands and it is our duty to do all we can for them to ensure that they achieve and accomplish the goals and dreams. We are their warriors, cheerleaders, and most passionate advocates and as your parent representative, these are the roles that I am willing to continue to take on for you, which I will advocate for you with my whole heart passionately. Selina Rochelle Atteberry</p> <p>Current Parent Leadership Roles: District 31 District Leadership Team Member- Title 1 Parent Representative Curtis High School Title 1 PAC Chairperson CHS School Leadership Team Member- Title 1 Parent Representative Citywide Title 1 Parent Advisory Council (CTI-PAC) District 31 Title 1 Parent Representative Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS) Staten Island Representative NYSED ESSA/TITLE 1 COPS (NYC DOE PARENT REP) CHS PTA Treasurer</p>
Evelyn Cardona	CCHSStatenIsland	Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS)(Staten Island)	31R460	NO	NO	<p>My name is Evelyn Cardona. My daughter is a student at Wagner High School and my son graduated from Curtis High School two years ago. He is currently attending John Jay College. I was part of the CEC board while my daughter was in middle school. My husband was a member of the SLT while both our children were in elementary and middle school. Thank you for your consideration. Stay safe and healthy!</p>
Lora Fox	CCHSStatenIsland	Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS)(Staten Island)	31R064	NO	NO	
Tafida Gouda	CCHSStatenIsland	Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS)(Staten Island)	31R455	NO	NO	

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Sasha Hampton Scharf	CCHSStatenIsland	Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS)(Staten Island)	31R444	YES	NO	I am the proud daughter/grand-daughter of professional New York state educators and a mother of 3 sons in the NYC school system. I have a child in elementary, middle and high school so I'm well informed of what goes on across the board. I have been actively involved with my children's education since day one. I started serving as the parent Vice President and then President for my local Early Head-Start Program. In 2012, I was presented with the Outstanding Volunteer award by Headstart. I am the founder of a FB support group for parents of New York state school children and we currently have close to 500 active members. It's important for me to serve on the NYC Education Council because it will provide a platform for me to voice the concerns, wants and needs for children and parents like myself. Thank you!
Weesam Khalil	CCHSStatenIsland	Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS)(Staten Island)	31R455	NO	NO	
Natasha Mcpherson David	CCHSStatenIsland	Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS)(Staten Island)	31R440	YES	NO	My name is Natasha Davids I am a proud parent of a high school student. I have not served on PA/PTA office or held a position SLT/DLT. However I am actively involved in my son school. Traditional methods can be challenging for us all, and we need unique results at these times for students physical and emotional well being.
Melissa Minakakis	CCHSStatenIsland	Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS)(Staten Island)	31R005	NO	NO	I believe I would be a valuable asset to the Education Council because of my background in volunteering, which includes 9 years serving on PTA committees at my children's schools, 2 years as PTA President and 5 years serving on my school SLT. Now more than ever, we need a diverse group of voices involved in public education as we face challenges we've never seen before. I would be happy to be a part of the Council and offer my services to this worthwhile cause. Thank you.
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Roxanne Mustafa	CCHSStatenIsland	Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS)(Staten Island)	31R063	NO	NO	I am a mother of 2 boys on Staten Island. I was born and raised in the Brooklyn Public Schools and was the daughter of immigrant parents who did not speak English. I am the first college graduate in my extended family and have 2 advanced degrees. I am also the mother of 2 boys who are in the public school system in District 31; one son is in MAELS Middle School and my other son is a freshman in Wagner High School. I would like to be considered for a seat on the Community Education Councils (CEC). In my day job, I am a product designer, a technologist, and a consultant for a major tech company, VMware. I also work as a Diversity and Inclusion leader in my organization. I practice the methodology of human computer interactions and am a human centered designer. I have taught design and User Experience to adults at General Assembly, and adult vocational school. I am also a community advocate and work to build civic engagement on Staten Island. In the community I am on several non profit boards, including Staten Island Urban Center, Bait Al Jummah, Staten Island Therapeutic Gardens. I worked on the public advocate's transition team, volunteered at teach-ins for NYC census work and helped with civic engagement throughout the city. I have worked on policy groups for electeds and contributed to many brainstorming sessions within Staten Island. For many years, my family has navigated the public schools, from universal pre-k to the G&T and specialized school testing. I have had many experiences and heard many other parents' experiences about the school system. As someone who works in our community, and as someone who understands technology and digital infrastructure, I feel that I have a lot to offer the CEC. I feel that we are at a watershed moment in our public schools. Teachers are overwhelmed, parents are asked to be IT consultants, guidance counselors, teachers, as well as parents. Parents can't seem to support teachers, and vice versa. Teachers are overwhelmed teaching to screens and not real life children, who are in a zombie zoom haze. Looking forward we must be brave and have real solutions to our NYC children and DOW staff. I have experience in the pros and cons of technology, what it has to offer a sector like education from a human and technology perspective, as well as a mother's perspective.

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Roxanne Mustafa	CCHSStatenIsland	Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS)(Staten Island)	31R460	NO	NO	I am a mother of 2 boys on Staten Island. I was born and raised in the Brooklyn Public Schools and was the daughter of immigrant parents who did not speak English. I am the first college graduate in my extended family and have 2 advanced degrees. I am also the mother of 2 boys who are in the public school system in District 31; one son is in MAELS Middle School and my other son is a freshman in Wagner High School. I would like to be considered for a seat on the Community Education Councils (CEC). In my day job, I am a product designer, a technologist, and a consultant for a major tech company, VMware. I also work as a Diversity and Inclusion leader in my organization. I practice the methodology of human computer interactions and am a human centered designer. I have taught design and User Experience to adults at General Assembly, and adult vocational school. I am also a community advocate and work to build civic engagement on Staten Island. In the community I am on several non profit boards, including Staten Island Urban Center, Bait Al Jummah, Staten Island Therapeutic Gardens. I worked on the public advocate's transition team, volunteered at teach-ins for NYC census work and helped with civic engagement throughout the city. I have worked on policy groups for electeds and contributed to many brainstorming sessions within Staten Island. For many years, my family has navigated the public schools, from universal pre-k to the G&T and specialized school testing. I have had many experiences and heard many other parents' experiences about the school system. As someone who works in our community, and as someone who understands technology and digital infrastructure, I feel that I have a lot to offer the CEC. I feel that we are at a watershed moment in our public schools. Teachers are overwhelmed, parents are asked to be IT consultants, guidance counselors, teachers, as well as parents. Parents can't seem to support teachers, and vice versa. Teachers are overwhelmed teaching to screens and not real life children, who are in a zombie zoom haze. Looking forward we must be brave and have real solutions to out NYC children and DOW staff. I have experience in the pros and cons of technology, what it has to offer a sector like education from a human and technology perspective, as well as a mother's perspective.
John Pasquali	CCHSStatenIsland	Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS)(Staten Island)	31R455	NO	NO	I believe the curriculum for high school students needs to be upgraded significantly. I think that if schools expand their bandwidth capability teachers could teach from the classroom to the students attending as well as children who stay at home. I also believe certain subjects need to be either added or unnecessary ones be removed to real life subjects. Budgeting and taxes come to mind, Too many children are, for lack of a better term, being fed to the wolves once they leave High School. Schools need to embrace the times not just in technology.
Yelena Pikman	CCHSStatenIsland	Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS)(Staten Island)	31R050	YES	NO	Hi my name is Yelena Pikman and I am a parent of a current 5th grader who is on an IEP and a now 9th grader who was on an IEP until 8th grade. I have been involved in PTA's since my older son started school and have been a very involved parent for special needs kids and those who have an IEP. Now especially since we are mostly remote I see how much this has impacted my younger child and I want to do anything I can to help the community. I currently sit as a title 1 co-chair at New Dorp high school and am the parliamentarian for the Executive Board. I look forward to serving for another 8 years until my younger child exits high school and hope to impact the community and children as much as possible.
Yelena Pikman	CCHSStatenIsland	Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS)(Staten Island)	31R440	YES	NO	Hi my name is Yelena Pikman and I am a parent of a current 5th grader who is on an IEP and a now 9th grader who was on an IEP until 8th grade. I have been involved in PTA's since my older son started school and have been a very involved parent for special needs kids and those who have an IEP. Now especially since we are mostly remote I see how much this has impacted my younger child and I want to do anything I can to help the community. I currently sit as a title 1 co-chair at New Dorp high school and am the parliamentarian for the Executive Board. I look forward to serving for another 8 years until my younger child exits high school and hope to impact the community and children as much as possible.
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Maya Rozenblat	CCHSStatenIsland	Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS)(Staten Island)	20K686	NO	YES	<p>Education is the single most important gift we can give to our kids. I want to ensure all NYC kids are afforded the same educational opportunities. I am running to support CEC focus on rigorous quality programs in every school, offering engaging programs for kids on different academic levels. Providing strong students with challenges, and supporting less advanced students. Additionally, we public schools should build on the experience running bilingual school programs that are successful and popular among the immigrant families. I believe that schools should provide support to families with modest means, offering additional instructional hours, homework preparation, and social emotional support. As an immigrant, I remember the feeling of loneliness, isolation, and confusion, and schools could bring a great value offering support where needed. I believe that one of the largest and richest cities in the world should be providing world-class education, that includes not only core subjects, but also literature, art and music, languages and sports, geography and technology - the same wealth of options that exists in private schools and in the suburbs. I believe that there should be no one-size-fits-all approach when it comes to schools, public schools should not be bringing programs to the lowest denominator. All levels of academic abilities and learning styles should be benefitting from public education. Establishing various pilot programs, looking for new ways, using modern research and tools should bring more joy into school days for all the students. About me: I came to NYC with my family from St Petersburg, Russia more than 25 years ago, put myself through college while working full time. I work in IT and project management, currently employed by a healthcare company. Fell in love with New York from the first day I set my foot in JFK, shared highs and lows with the city including 9/11 when I was working in downtown and came home covered in debris from WTC explosions, financial crises of 2007/08 when I had to go through all my savings before finding a new job. But I want to believe that New York is still standing strong and should be an affordable place to raise and educate our kids. I have been holding various positions in Women Diversity groups in the companies I worked for, am an active participant in my kids school Parent Teacher Organization, am an extremely effective and an organized person. I have been providing mentorship to junior stuff and fellow moms trying to come back to work after the extended maternity leave. I am in love with New York, full of enthusiasm and energy and believe that no task is too small when it comes to public education.</p>

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Maya Rozenblat	CCHSStatenIsland	Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS)(Staten Island)	31R605	NO	NO	Education is the single most important gift we can give to our kids. I want to ensure all NYC kids are afforded the same educational opportunities. I am running to support CEC focus on rigorous quality programs in every school, offering engaging programs for kids on different academic levels. Providing strong students with challenges, and supporting less advanced students. Additionally, we public schools should build on the experience running bilingual school programs that are successful and popular among the immigrant families. I believe that schools should provide support to families with modest means, offering additional instructional hours, homework preparation, and social emotional support. As an immigrant, I remember the feeling of loneliness, isolation, and confusion, and schools could bring a great value offering support where needed. I believe that one of the largest and richest cities in the world should be providing world-class education, that includes not only core subjects, but also literature, art and music, languages and sports, geography and technology - the same wealth of options that exists in private schools and in the suburbs. I believe that there should be no one-size-fits-all approach when it comes to schools, public schools should not be bringing programs to the lowest denominator. All levels of academic abilities and learning styles should be benefitting from public education. Establishing various pilot programs, looking for new ways, using modern research and tools should bring more joy into school days for all the students. About me: I came to NYC with my family from St Petersburg, Russia more than 25 years ago, put myself through college while working full time. I work in IT and project management, currently employed by a healthcare company. Fell in love with New York from the first day I set my foot in JFK, shared highs and lows with the city " including 9/11 when I was working in downtown and came home covered in debris from WTC explosions, financial crises of 2007/08 when I had to go through all my savings before finding a new job" But I want to believe that New York is still standing strong and should be an affordable place to raise and educate our kids. I have been holding various positions in Women Diversity groups in the companies I worked for, am an active participant in my kids school Parent Teacher Organization, am an extremely effective and an organized person. I have been providing mentorship to junior stuff and fellow moms trying to come back to work after the extended maternity leave. I am in love with New York, full of enthusiasm and energy and believe that no task is too small when it comes to public education.
Dina Russo	CCHSStatenIsland	Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS)(Staten Island)	31R440	NO	NO	
Sherien Shady	CCHSStatenIsland	Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS)(Staten Island)	31R069	NO	NO	I am a parent of three girls who served as an officer in a my kids elementary and middle school for PTAAnd SLT from the years 2006 to 2018 , these positions were corresponding secretary, 1 vice PTA president, Tresurer , and PTA president, SLT office through all these years. Then served as a substitute teacher for the years 2019 and 2020 currently I work on public service as care coordinator with a non profit organization. I strongly believe that parent voice makes a difference , our community has been always in need of parental connection with the education system for support and input with every day struggles , Goals and dreams of our children. Specially in today's environment parents and teachers needs to work hand in hand to provide best education to our kids .
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Joseph Tarulli	CCHSStatenIsland	Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS)(Staten Island)	31R455	YES	NO	<p>Hello: My name is Joe Tarulli . I am a proud parent of a Tottenville high school student .Like most parents I have been watching my Daughter try her best but still struggle through online learning. I am one of the lucky people who can afford a Tudor ,what about the parents that can not! To me the public school system is the institution that can pull you out of poverty into the middle class I o ow that is what it has done for me. I am running because I can not sit back and see the American dream ripped out of the hands of the underserved children that where brought here with dreams but need help speaking English .I can not sit by when children that are impaired in some way , that can live up to potentials that no other than themselves know they can live up to. This can never happen again I do not believe finger pointing helps but the school system was not ready for the situation ! We need to put measures in for future emergencies like this and bargain with the teachers Union and have language that addresses what happens during emergency in their contract before the problems not negotiate when we are in them. I bring a lot to the table I am a labor leader with CWA so I understand labor side of this world . I am also a community organizer who co-founded a group called sustainable Staten Island . Dealing with the community is something that also come natural to me . I believe in inclusion of all cultures , genders and gender associations . I will argue against discrimination at every chance If it is popular or not that I have to say .I believe in teaching children science and correct history and believe children can handle more than we give them credit for . I also think children need to be free thinkers on politics not influenced by teachers but should get facts and learn how to research on their own and be allowed to express themselves in a peaceful matter without bullying no matter which side they are on . I believe in these kids I know they will make us all proud . We can not let them down because that is what we are doing right now . This can not stand any more ! I will not stand for it ! It will be challenging because we do need to think of safety sick children and sick teachers do nothing to solve the problem ! We need to hold our elected officials from city council to the POTUS to safety open schools . I hope that Parents ,Students , and Teachers let me be your tireless voice on this council. In Solidarity , joe Tarulli</p>
George Vachadze	CCHSStatenIsland	Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS)(Staten Island)	31R605	NO	NO	