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5142	Mandisa Abraham	CEC22	Community Education Council (22)	22K109	YES	NO	I have been involved or contributed in almost every activity in the school. However, the PTA is my main of concern. I believe the parent's involvement with the school is critical to the overall development of the child, particularly with a child in the IEP Program. I am ready and willing to make my contribution in any way possible.
811	Mudassar Ali	CEC22	Community Education Council (22)	22K277	NO	NO	
4436	Svetlana Andreeva	CEC22	Community Education Council (22)	22K277	NO	NO	From what I see our public school educational system is getting weaker and weaker. For example let's take our Elementary school. Attending school students are experiencing less and less communication skills. All the work is done on the learning device independently instead of team work in class. Students don't read aloud. Instead, everyone is reading on his or her own on the learning device. No discussions of what they learn is ever happening in the class. Each students gets teacher's comment on his or her learning device. Students are not engaged in class work, team work at all. None of the kids are asked to solve any problem on his / her own to check how they learn material. Instead parents have to go over the topic at home and explain the material when it is completely new (let's say fractions). I'm a Russian immigrant and I have different approach and ways of explanation. I understand that one of the solutions is to find a tutor who could explain the material to the child. But what would be the teacher's role in school then? Instead of teacher's salary I would pay that money for home schooling and private educators. If it doesn't sound right I would expect teachers to teach kids. Am I right? How it can help them develop communicational skills, be open to communicate with people in the future? Some classes can be replaced with more useful. Let's say instead of some special subjects (like music) some kids could take coding or programming that could be more useful. A lot of material is not consistent and they jump from one topic to another. What I expect from DOE and public schools is to educate and teach kids instead of keeping them in a school building while they learn independently on each assignment on their learning device. At least not in elementary school.
3565	Leyla Aslanova	CEC22	Community Education Council (22)	22K206	YES	YES	
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2395	Anthony Avila	CEC22	Community Education Council (22)	22K052	NO	YES	

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2799	Tazin Azad	CEC22	Community Education Council (22)	22K555	NO	NO	<p>Firstly, I am a parent of Prek, middle school, and high school students. I am a firm believer in my children's and all students' innate ability to learn, thrive, and succeed. I am currently a: D22 District Leadership Team member Community Education Council 22 member CEC22 Equity Committee Co-Chair D22 NYSIP Grant Parent Member District Parent Advisory Committee Chair Joan Snow PreK Center Co-President MS 890 Title 1 PAC Chair Education Council Consortium Member Parents for Responsive Equitable Safe Schools (PRESSNYC) Steering Member County Committee Member Previously: PA President and SLT member of PS 217 PA President and SLT member of MS 890 The purpose of my work is to ensure that all our students have access to a fair and equitable education. To that end, I fight for an integrated, anti-racist, and anti-discriminatory educational system, fully funded schools, a representative and diverse teaching staff, Culturally Responsive-Sustaining education, healing-centered and restorative practices, uplifting youth voice and meaningfully engaging parent/guardian community. This year I've engaged DOE in improving language access, digital access, food security, and parent engagement. As an immigrant, I strive to make the educational experience for ELL/MLL and their families more approachable and accommodating. as an elected parent leader, my responsibilities are to empower families with relevant information and access so that they may, themselves, advocate for their youth in the pursuit of the education they are entitled to.</p>
2799	Tazin Azad	CEC22	Community Education Council (22)	22K853	NO	NO	<p>Firstly, I am a parent of Prek, middle school, and high school students. I am a firm believer in my children's and all students' innate ability to learn, thrive, and succeed. I am currently a: D22 District Leadership Team member Community Education Council 22 member CEC22 Equity Committee Co-Chair D22 NYSIP Grant Parent Member District Parent Advisory Committee Chair Joan Snow PreK Center Co-President MS 890 Title 1 PAC Chair Education Council Consortium Member Parents for Responsive Equitable Safe Schools (PRESSNYC) Steering Member County Committee Member Previously: PA President and SLT member of PS 217 PA President and SLT member of MS 890 The purpose of my work is to ensure that all our students have access to a fair and equitable education. To that end, I fight for an integrated, anti-racist, and anti-discriminatory educational system, fully funded schools, a representative and diverse teaching staff, Culturally Responsive-Sustaining education, healing-centered and restorative practices, uplifting youth voice and meaningfully engaging parent/guardian community. This year I've engaged DOE in improving language access, digital access, food security, and parent engagement. As an immigrant, I strive to make the educational experience for ELL/MLL and their families more approachable and accommodating. as an elected parent leader, my responsibilities are to empower families with relevant information and access so that they may, themselves, advocate for their youth in the pursuit of the education they are entitled to.</p>

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751	Abdul Aziz	CEC22	Community Education Council (22)	22K134	NO	NO	
841	Mackenson Belotte	CEC22	Community Education Council (22)	22K889	NO	NO	
841	Mackenson Belotte	CEC22	Community Education Council (22)	22K889	YES	YES	
3914	Loretta Boatey	CEC22	Community Education Council (22)	22K890	NO	NO	<p>Hello, I am interested in serving on the education council due to how important education is to our children. I once taught teen boys and girls about self awareness and image development, I mentor high school girls once a month and I always want to do more for children that are in need. I am currently board chair of Warner Media's Women BRG and it gives me such pleasure to offer myself and knowledge to help improve processes and systems. I lead a lot of mentoring programs and also volunteer to raise money, host and produce fundraising gala's for charities. I have been honored with two community impact awards and a service of excellence award for the community work I do. I was recently honored this month with a professional service award for international relations, for funds, and awareness I've raised for oversees under privileged communities. I come from a family of high academic achievers and I would like the opportunity to do my part to help our children to receive the best education we can offer to set them up for a successful future. Thank you for considering my application and I look forward to joining the education council. Best regards, Loretta Boatey</p>
471	Shellon Christian	CEC22	Community Education Council (22)	22K312	YES	NO	<p>I have been an International educator for the past 30 years. I enjoy the beauty of seeing children learn and the terror of our students struggling to learn. The exposure to numerous teaching/learning strategies has reduced the problem temporarily; but the problem still lingers in in large volumes. However, serving on the council will provide me the opportunity to voice my opinions on best strategies for both teachers and students!</p>

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2571	Sarraah-Jeen Delly	CEC22	Community Education Council (22)	22K222	NO	NO	My name is Sarraah-Jeen Exilas. I am a mother of Aiden Charles. I have not been able to actively engage in outside school activities do to being a single mom, working and going to school full time. Now that I am finished with school I would like to be more involved in my son's education. I believe the mayor is failing our students and I would like to help the department of education thrive better. I believe more resources should be allocated for free extra curricular activities, such as sports, music lessons and etc. I want to be the voice for all students in the doe system.
4774	Adelle Dupont	CEC22	Community Education Council (22)	22K278	NO	NO	
4985	Natasha Flowers	CEC22	Community Education Council (22)	22K315	NO	NO	I am currently a graduate student at John Jay college studying for my Masters in Public Administration. I also serve as an HR representative at NYU Langone Hospital in Brooklyn. I'm a mother of 5, in which the oldest of my 5 is special needs. I can personally attest to the negative experiences that I've had within the educational system, with navigating for school placement, advocating for special needs, High school placement, bullying, and providing parents with the necessary information with navigating for high school placement. If selected, I feel my personal experiences, as well as my professional and educational background can attribute to the tools needed in addressing many of these concerns.
276	Kathleen Garcia-Aracena	CEC22	Community Education Council (22)	22K222	NO	NO	The reason why I will like to serve on the Education Council is to be a voice for not only the children, but for parents that feel like they are not being heard or their concerns are not being seen. I have a Bachelors degree in Social Science with a concentration in Media Studies from NYU, and currently in the process of obtaining my Masters degree in Media Studies from Brooklyn College. A major I feel will give great insight and advantage to the Education Council, especially now with classes having to go remote. I am proud mom of four, I have my 9 year old son, two stepsons that we get biweekly and a two year old daughter. Prior to getting married I was a single mother working and going to school, and felt the challenges most single parents face with a child going to school. Now as a mother of a blend family, I have learned to over the challenges parents face being a stepparent and having to deal with biweekly visitation schedule. Other experiences that I believe will help the education council, the students and parents.

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5521	Samantha Gibson	CEC22	Community Education Council (22)	22K109	NO	NO	<p>The past and current year has been an extraordinary experience to say the least. As mothers, we have the tendency to yearn to be perfect at what we do when it comes to providing for our children/family, etc.; however, this past year proved to be a trying one and tested my faith and strength. I was thrust as the rest of the world into a middle of a global pandemic with what seem to be a dark place without a light at the end of the tunnel. My son needed me more now than ever and it was important for me to pull myself together and be there for him and all of our children for that matter. What could I do? I asked myself in dismay? I have a full time job that required me to be present Monday thru Friday from 9:30AM to 6:00PM, of which the commute added 2 hrs. since it's located in Queens. I find myself very exhausted at the end of the day. How was I supposed to juggle everything and still be Super Mom? I made it through remote learning and decided we had to be prepared in the event something like this happened again; working in healthcare you are trained/taught emergency preparedness. That said, I pulled myself together and decided to tackle this from a different approach; I wanted to make an impact and it had to be on a level that all of our children and their schools could benefit. I needed to be a voice for every parent that was experiencing these feelings of despair and hopelessness; a voice that was loud enough and made our concerns known. As a result, I felt compelled to run for a seat on the council when the opportunity presented itself. I long to make every effort to advocate for our schools, students, communities and for those who could not let their voices be heard. I felt compelled and eager to serve on the NYC Education Council. I may not have the solution to every problem; but I can surely be part of a team that will make a change toward better outcomes. I would be honored for your consideration as I present my faithful request. I shall strive to be a pillar of diversity and innovation with utmost compassion in my duties to serve my community and the learning institution faithfully. Thank you for your precious time and deliberation on my humble request.</p>
1158	Mariya Gluzman	CEC22	Community Education Council (22)	22K197	NO	NO	<p>My name is Mariya Gluzman and I am a life-long educator. In addition to having taught undergraduate philosophy courses for the last 20 years at Brooklyn College -- one of City University of New York's four-year schools -- I have also worked with English Language Learners of all ages and taught afterschool and summer programs at several sites throughout Brooklyn. I have a Master's degree in adult education as well as a graduate certificate in educational technology. I am also a mother to a very energetic and curious kindergartener. As all parents, I have concerns about my child's education. Public school was a deliberate choice for us because I believe that there is no reason that our public school system cannot provide a stellar education -- one on a par with private and charter schools. And I would very much like to be involved in making this happen for all of our kids. As taxpayers and residents of this great city we deserve the best and we can get the best if we involve all the stakeholders in the process and learn to stay flexible. If chosen for this seat, I will be a voice for innovation, inclusion, and transparency.</p>

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3205	Wende Gozan Brown	CEC22	Community Education Council (22)	22K278	YES	NO	<p>My name is Wende Gozan Brown, and I am the parent of a student in District 22, Brooklyn. I am interested in joining an Education Council because of the breadth and depth of COVID’s impact on our children, both educationally and social-emotionally. We all need to find ways to serve our City during this time, and I can’t think of a better way to do that than getting involved in the education space. In electing me, you would find a representative who is committed to educational equity. As the parent of a child with an IEP, I am adept at advocating for specific educational needs, and also collaborating constructively with service providers and school leadership. I am committed to understanding all points of view, and maximizing opportunities for students amid the very real constraints that the DOE faces. When my child was in elementary school in District 13, I was a class parent for several years. I organized group school supply buys, chaperoned field trips, and instituted “Morning Table,” an opportunity for parents to volunteer in the cafeteria before the start of school so that younger children—who could be overwhelmed by noise and older students—had educational activities to occupy their time. I strove to create a spirit of inclusivity among parents within our classroom; noting the impact of gentrification on our student body, I also become involved in the school’s anti-racism trainings. A nonprofit communications professional, I currently work for an education network in East Harlem, and volunteer weekly as a hall monitor and substitute kindergarten teacher. Prior to that, I worked for an organization that fought for foster care reform nationwide, which included advocating for educational consistency, and fighting an overreliance on psychotropic medications that prevented children from accessing their education. If elected, you would find that I am honest, a straight-shooter and a hard worker. I would welcome the opportunity to serve as a councilperson; thank you for considering my candidacy.</p>
4522	Regina Gurevich	CEC22	Community Education Council (22)	22K195	NO	NO	
86	Khadija Harmouche	CEC22	Community Education Council (22)	18K633	NO	NO	<p>My name is Khadija Harmouche, I would be honored and elated to serve on the Community Education Council and/or Citywide Council on high schools. I'm a mother of 3 children who attend Public School. I consider myself as an assistant to my community, it is very important to me, part of that community is the school where my kids attend, I greatly enjoy serving and volunteering in the school as much as I can, because it affords me an opportunity to be involved firsthand in the amazing things our school does for the children. In the school year 2015-2016, I was a member of PTA (Parent Teacher Association) at the Sheepshead Bay School P.S.52. I created a better connection between parents, school, and community, by using my language skills and provided assistance in translation, for both parents and school staff. I advocate for higher education as well other fun activities for the students such as music, dance, drama, ect., My goal is to make every child’s potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children. I would love to be able to have a chance to do my best to help all children, not just in my kids school , or in our district, but in the city as well. I believe that we need to work altogether, so we can provide the best education for our children. Remember what Benjamin Franklin said: “TELL ME AND I FORGET, TEACH ME AND I REMEMBER, INVOLVE ME AND I LEARN .” We should all get involved in our children's education because they are the future of our community, the future of our country. Let’s not forget that education leads to a better future.</p>

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86	Khadija Harmouche	CEC22	Community Education Council (22)	22K052	NO	NO	My name is Khadija Harmouche, I would be honored and elated to serve on the Community Education Council and/or Citywide Council on high schools. I'm a mother of 3 children who attend Public School. I consider myself as an assistant to my community, it is very important to me, part of that community is the school where my kids attend, I greatly enjoy serving and volunteering in the school as much as I can, because it affords me an opportunity to be involved firsthand in the amazing things our school does for the children. In the school year 2015-2016, I was a member of PTA (Parent Teacher Association) at the Sheepshead Bay School P.S.52. I created a better connection between parents, school, and community, by using my language skills and provided assistance in translation, for both parents and school staff. I advocate for higher education as well other fun activities for the students such as music, dance, drama, ect., My goal is to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children. I would love to be able to have a chance to do my best to help all children, not just in my kids school , or in our district, but in the city as well. I believe that we need to work altogether, so we can provide the best education for our children. Remember what Benjamin Franklin said: "TELL ME AND I FORGET, TEACH ME AND I REMEMBER, INVOLVE ME AND I LEARN." We should all get involved in our children's education because they are the future of our community, the future of our country. Let's not forget that education leads to a better future.

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2520	Amanda Hosten	CEC22	Community Education Council (22)	22K251	NO	NO	My name is Amanda Hosten and I am a 35 year old mother of 3. I have twin daughters that are in 1st grade and a son that will be starting kindergarten in September. I am a stay at home mom and my focus has always been on my children. I choose to be a stay at home mom because 1 my children and their education are a major part of my life and 2 my husband agrees and rather me stay home so I can be as active as I can with them. I taught my girls before they started school so they were never in daycare or pre-k, they started in kindergarten. I also have taken that route with my son. I worked in daycare's so I am accustomed to creating my own curriculum and it worked with the girls because when they started school the teachers were very impressed and still are at their learning techniques. I am a very hands on mom and I am always in contact with teachers about ways to improve my children's learning. I am interested in joining the CEC because I am a parent that believes we can change things for our children. Who better to help make decisions regarding the children than the parents. We see firsthand what is going on in schools and what they are learning. We understand if things are a struggle for them or if they are gaining the knowledge in which they need. We see if they need a change in the school or their surroundings. I feel I am a good candidate for a position because I am available and believe that not just my children but all children deserve better, better teaching, better schools, better options. Thank You
1682	Feruza Ibragimova	CEC22	Community Education Council (22)	22K234	NO	YES	
1682	Feruza Ibragimova	CEC22	Community Education Council (22)	22K255	YES	NO	
690	Sima Karetnaya	CEC22	Community Education Council (22)	22K277	NO	NO	I am Sima Karetnaya, an immigrant from Ukraine, who has graduated from elementary, junior high and high school within the NYC DOE system. I see and feel the drastic change in the education system between when I was a student and now. I want to give our children the opportunity to pursue their talents, be educationally enriched and advanced and reach their full potential. I will work at the utmost commitment to ensure our children are our and their own confident future!
1344	Arthur Kleynerman	CEC22	Community Education Council (22)	22K195	NO	YES	My name is Arthur Kleynerman and I am a proud product of the New York City Public School System. I graduated from Franklin Delano Roosevelt High School in 1995. My mother was an elementary school teacher for over 25 years and I have always had a deep appreciation for education. I believe that the love of learning starts early on in life, is extremely important and sets the stage for success later in life. I have two small children, one of which is finishing the first grade and another is about to enter Pre-K. As a parent, I am extremely concerned about the quality of education offered by the NYC public schools. We need to work together with teachers and parents in order to maximize the benefits that our children receive from the public school system. I believe that my background and commitment to quality education makes me a perfect candidate to join the Education Council. We will only succeed if parents, teachers and policy-makers make the right decisions to deliver quality education for our children!
1499	Elvira Leiderman	CEC22	Community Education Council (22)	22K197	NO	NO	
2838	Chihang Leung	CEC22	Community Education Council (22)	22K052	NO	NO	
1392	Abou Lo	CEC22	Community Education Council (22)	22K361	NO	YES	
1798	Gail Mason-Hoff	CEC22	Community Education Council (22)	22K198	YES	NO	

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2022	Marie Michaud	CEC22	Community Education Council (22)	22K152	NO	NO	I feel that I'm the best candidate because I'm a mother that cares about children's education, I will do my very best to make sure the kids are safe and have everything provided to them. I believe in working hard for the schools, the children and their families.
508	Erika Moshkovich	CEC22	Community Education Council (22)	22K197	NO	NO	I am a mom of a 1st Grader at PS 197. My reason for running is to help improve his education and emotional well-being. Because I am a parents, I understand the concerns, emotions and situation that all of us parents are in. I am lucky to be there for my child when he needs help logging into Google Classroom and Google Meet classes, and to complete every homework assignment that he is assigned, as well as help him prepare for tests. I understand how difficult this year has been both for the students and the parents, and wish to help make it easier for everyone. At my job, I am also a part of several committees, such as the Social Justice and Equality Task Force to help insure inclusiveness and equality in the work place.
3186	Donna Perry	CEC22	Community Education Council (22)	22K203	NO	NO	To Whom it may concern, I am honored to submit this statement for consideration of a seat on the NYC CEC. I am a 42-year-old mom, wife, entrepreneur, and community advocate who is a product of the NYC Public School System. Born and raised in Brooklyn, New York I attended Public School 56, Intermediate School 383, and Fiorello H. LaGuardia High School. Upon graduating, I went on to be employed by Verizon Communications. It was during my time at Verizon that I received my undergrad from SUNY Empire State College and subsequently my master's degree in Public Administration in 2020. But in all my accomplishments, none of these is as important as being the mother to two beautiful, bright, and energetic little girls Anaya, and Ava. As their mom, I have committed myself to being intimately involved in understanding the systematic ways by which the educational system works through my tenure as a member of the SLT. I have dedicated myself to not only being a learned parent of the PS 203 community, but I am also an advocate as the President of the PTA for the 2019/2020 school year. And while our PTA community was not able to achieve every goal that we set out to achieve due to COVID; the circumstances that our students faced during this time made it clear to me that I have a moral obligation to lend my gifts and talents in a way that help to effect change in a more prolific way. All these things combined with my brief time as a substitute teacher for the DOE, and active member of my community through my work as the founder of The Courageously Curvy Girls Foundation in Brooklyn, New York leads me to believe that I possess the knowledge, passion and skillset that is needed to effect change while strategically articulating impact on behalf of the 1.6 million children that the New York City Department of Education serves. In closing, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr, states "And there comes a time when one must take a position that neither safe, nor politic, nor popular, but he must do it because Conscience tells him it is right" As such, I stand, ready, willing, and able to be a member of a team of decision makers whose priority is to be the conscience of our students and their families. Thank you for this consideration.

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2968	Victoria Pisarevskiy	CEC22	Community Education Council (22)	01M539	NO	YES	I believe that to be a student is a demanding endeavor. Currently, education is being provided through online platforms, and while this exposure to new technologies and concepts serves for the rapid consumption of information, it creates a burden on students at times, leaving them wondering whether they are truly connected with their education and classmates. Oftentimes, these students are in need of support and an outlet that allows them to express their experiences. Therefore, I understand the importance of participating in groups that build relationships between students, teachers, and parents in support of the students. As a secretary for the PTA and mother of three children in the school community, I recognize my role in discussing the best possible future for children and it all begins with education. To validate the experiences the children in our schools face should be an innate ability because this is an integral part of each child's success. Sharing the multitude of aspects that represent the school seems like a fundamental way to solve issues and promote beneficial activities, yet this key to success is often overlooked. The challenges that students face is what captivates me to be an active participant in our school community, and the process of learning about new perspectives is what inspires me to delve deeper into the analysis of the solutions. As the saying goes, "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world". While this is true, it is important to understand that we have an obligation as parents and teachers to provide opportunities for our children to learn. The only way that they could learn is if we remove the unnecessary struggles and barricades that stand in the way of them receiving the most fulfilling educational experience. I am zealous about devoting my attention to implementing change that enables our students' voices to be heard.
2968	Victoria Pisarevskiy	CEC22	Community Education Council (22)	13K430	NO	NO	I believe that to be a student is a demanding endeavor. Currently, education is being provided through online platforms, and while this exposure to new technologies and concepts serves for the rapid consumption of information, it creates a burden on students at times, leaving them wondering whether they are truly connected with their education and classmates. Oftentimes, these students are in need of support and an outlet that allows them to express their experiences. Therefore, I understand the importance of participating in groups that build relationships between students, teachers, and parents in support of the students. As a secretary for the PTA and mother of three children in the school community, I recognize my role in discussing the best possible future for children and it all begins with education. To validate the experiences the children in our schools face should be an innate ability because this is an integral part of each child's success. Sharing the multitude of aspects that represent the school seems like a fundamental way to solve issues and promote beneficial activities, yet this key to success is often overlooked. The challenges that students face is what captivates me to be an active participant in our school community, and the process of learning about new perspectives is what inspires me to delve deeper into the analysis of the solutions. As the saying goes, "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world". While this is true, it is important to understand that we have an obligation as parents and teachers to provide opportunities for our children to learn. The only way that they could learn is if we remove the unnecessary struggles and barricades that stand in the way of them receiving the most fulfilling educational experience. I am zealous about devoting my attention to implementing change that enables our students' voices to be heard.

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1167	Karla Quervalu	CEC22	Community Education Council (22)	21K239	YES	NO	
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2085	Rolanda Rachiel	CEC22	Community Education Council (22)	22K195	NO	NO	I am a born and raised American with parents that migrated from Russia in the 1970's, They migrated to America not knowing the English language or any idea as to where they were going to live and what was in store for them. There was one thing they were sure about and that was for their children and future grandchildren to have an opportunity to have the freedom to learn all that they can in a country which was full of opportunity and hope. I have always been a great student and advanced to attend Albany University. I have worked in finance for over 15 years and have watch our school system change for the worst. Today I am a single mother to a 5 year old boy and a 6 year old daughter. Both attended a Russian private school because I am the sole provider and have no help from their father or the system. I tried to get vouchers but they denied me and I was forced to transfer them to public school with only remote learning being offered. I am sitting near my son who's school hours in private school were 8 hour days and now in public school are 1 hour a day, this is not an education and if this continues our future in this country is doomed as we will have absolutely no leaders. Both children were learning math and reading 1 year ahead of their usual kindergarten and 1st grade level and were advanced now after transferring them I am witnessing them taking 2 steps back and learning site words and how to count from 1-10. This to me is unacceptable learning and I would like to have a voice for so may parents in our community who feel the same way. Among being that voice of reason to help find solutions to help make the future of our children a bright future and not one where they are delayed and denied the education which they so deserve and parents nit being able to work such as myself and have to stay home doing the work for the children. this has to be addressed and I'm ready to fight for it given this opportunity.
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4688	Oluwaseun Salako	CEC22	Community Education Council (22)	22K217	NO	NO	The most important quality a representative can have, in my opinion, is Trustworthiness. Parents should be able to trust that the decisions made on their behalf regarding the well-being of their children is, without a shadow of a doubt, in the best interest of their children. I am Trustworthy. Even when we disagree on few occasions, you can be rest assured that the well-being of your children, and mine, is my North star. I am a young parent. Dad of three lovely girls (four if you include my wife); one in the 3rd grade, one in pre-k and one still trying to say her first word. I am an Assistant Professor at Medgar Evers College of the City University of New York. I work with 10th and 11th graders in the summer in a program called College Now. Before becoming an Assistant Professor, I was a Tutor for almost 10 years. I worked with students from 3rd grade to preparing high school students for their SAT and ACT exams. My experience with these broad spectrum of students makes me an excellent candidate to represent our community on behalf of our children.
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2770	Angela Shtutman	CEC22	Community Education Council (22)	22K197	YES	NO	I would love to have this opportunity to be an education council. Helping students is what I like to do.
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3655	Yevgeniya Shulman	CEC22	Community Education Council (22)	22K206	NO	YES	My name is Yevgeniya Shulman and I want to apply for this position to be involved in our kids lives and needs and be able to help them as much as I can.
996	Leyla Sidikov	CEC22	Community Education Council (22)	22K197	NO	NO	
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5016	Holly Spiegel	CEC22	Community Education Council (22)	22K139	NO	NO	I have spent the last 3 years educating myself on education equity and the consequences of school segregation on both white and non-white children. I am committed to making ALL public schools great for ALL kids, not just advocating or fundraising for my own interests in my own school. I have previously served on the parent council for my child's 3K program and am devoted to listening to the parents, teachers and most importantly the children about their needs and desires for their school and their city. We've all seen how the pandemic has exacerbated existing inequities all across New York City, and as we work to reopen the entire school system later this year, it will be so important to ensure that every school and every single classroom has all the resources they need to help kids get their learning back on track, process trauma, and of course stay safe. I will work to make sure our public school children get everything they need, and that resources are distributed equitably throughout the city.
4556	Tawanna St Louis	CEC22	Community Education Council (22)	22K236	NO	NO	I submit this application to serve on an Education Council. As a current parent of a child who attends a public school, and someone who attended a public Elementary, Middle and High School in District 22, as well as attended a CUNY College, I feel that it is imperative that every parent has a voice in their children's education. I intend to be present at every meeting, ensuring that a voice is given to those who don't have the opportunity to speak. I greatly desire for this district to receive all the resources necessary to ensure it's continued growth and success, and plan to take part in this journey in any way that I can. I have been a member of the Parents Association at my son's school, attending meetings and getting to know the culture of his school. It is refreshing to see that schools in District 22, including my Alma Maters, have continued to thrive, and I strive to take an active role in ensuring their continued success. I am grateful for the opportunity to apply for such an amazing and impactful role and will do my best to uphold all of the necessary guidelines if elected.
4655	Marcarthur St. Juste	CEC22	Community Education Council (22)	22K278	NO	NO	Like most candidates being considered, I am a parent vested in our children's education but also in making things easily accessible for parents to help partner with their children and school community to achieve success. I am by no means experienced, simply committed. I believe that everyone will make the best decision and I am comfortable with whatever the outcome and pledge my support to whoever gets elected. Thank you for the opportunity to serve. Remember that it takes a village. The voices and efforts of many can make major difference in the lives of us all.
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818	Renee Stephenson	CEC22	Community Education Council (22)	22K207	NO	NO	<p>My name is Renee Stephenson and I am a parent in District 22. Serving on the Education Council for District 22 is important as I would love to lend a voice to the educational well being of the children in our district. My involvement in District 22 stems back almost 10 to 15 years ago when my eldest daughter Melissa Forte, was at PS/IS 109. I was on the SLT every year when she attended the school after my first election. We were successful in the process of reviewing the process of the new principal. When she moved onto Mark Twain I continued to be a part of the SLT and was selected to be the Recording Secretary for the PA in her 7th and 8th grade. We accomplished so much for the kids and helped the principal with her vision of equipping the children with iPads beginning with the 8th students and then each year thereafter helping the other grades through the efforts of an Annual Gala. As a PA member we helped the principal in bringing back important alumni to the school in order to show the children the importance of their education. We were successful in bringing Louis Gossett Jr back to NYC from California to attend the Gala so he would be in a position to mentor the kids for the day. My daughter continued onto Fiorello LA Guardia HS as an art major and now she is a sophomore at SUNY Plattsburgh in upstate NY. The educational pursuits that I instilled in her from an early age has paid off. She has been on the Dean's List every semester in college. I poured my love of education into her and my sons and would to do the same for all the kids in District 22. Currently my sons are at PS/IS 207 Elizabeth G Leary and my role is more nurturing to my sons. They require more assistance than my daughter, especially for my youngest who currently has an IEP and I see the educational process from a different spectrum than my daughter. This pandemic has impressed upon me the importance of lending a voice for the neurotypical learner as well as the neurodivergent who needs the vision and love from those who truly care about their well being. I hope I am given the opportunity to serve in this role.</p>

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5442	Abiola Symphorien	CEC22	Community Education Council (22)	22K078	NO	NO	
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387	Pamela Tarantul	CEC22	Community Education Council (22)	22K195	YES	NO	I am a mother of a son with special needs in a district 22 school. Currently in 5th grade. Have 2 more boys that will enter the education system in just a few years. I've experienced a lot in the education system dating back to when I attended and the rest of my family. I would be a great asset in helping better the lives of our children and their education.
2786	Melody Thomas	CEC22	Community Education Council (22)	20K062	YES	NO	My name is Melody Thomas and I am an advocate for children. I have worked in education for the past 8 years and have 2 children who have attended NYC public schools for the past 9 years; they are in 8th and 7th grade respectively. I worked as a Program Director at a tutoring center for 4 years and I am currently a Senior Operations Associate at a Brooklyn charter school. Ensuring all children receive a quality education is my passion, especially as the mother of a special needs child. It is my goal to work with my community, teachers, administrators, families, and students to improve student achievement, equity, and access to education.

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3048	Sherlie Toussaint	CEC22	Community Education Council (22)	22K078	YES	NO	I have been working with IDD level in the adult settings for many years and I would like to have a better approach on the ground up. I will have a voice of what setting would benefit an individual upon reaching age out. My experience and details oriented would make me a better candidate to carry out this role.
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145	Debbie Turner	CEC22	Community Education Council (22)	22K312	NO	NO	My motivation to be a part of the Education Council stems from a deep desire to not only be informed but also be a link for parent and families to much needed resources. Being a social worker has taught me that families are frustrated and seem hard to engage because of lack of support. As a parent, I became involved in my child's education from an early age in an effort to gain knowledge about resource and tools that could benefit my child. A seat on the education council would be another step in my efforts to be that bridge of information and resource for parents and/or guardians as well as the connection and outreach for administration. I want to also be an outlet for those parents who are intimidated by the school system and need a quality advocate. A seat on the council would a step in fulfilling my passion.
2189	Steven Ullman	CEC22	Community Education Council (22)	22K236	NO	NO	Due to Covid the city has seen huge transformation within every aspect of life including economy, education, real estate, and diversity. Since I am running for the community education council, I will state my views on education only. This past year has taken a toll on everyone and especially our kids. I believe this pandemic has mentally and physically challenged our children. Even though our kids are resilient this pandemic will unfortunately affect our children for years to come. Do not get me wrong we have learned a lot and changed the way we think by remote learning and adapting to the new norm that we are currently amid. However, I believe we need to focus our effects now for after the pandemic and how we move forward as a society and promote healthy growth and learning for our children. We will need to push for higher education and a better education. We need more support from within the schools and from our elected officials. We need more learning programs for our children during school and afterschool. I will work for a better education.

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5035	Myra Urooj	CEC22	Community Education Council (22)	22K197	NO	NO	My Name is Myra and I'm a mother of 16 yr old Son and 6 yr old daughter. I strongly believe that our kids needs the best education. However, the world is changing and we have to accept the change as Strong Mothers and learn with our kids . Since the change is happening so fast . I would like to contribute to help as much I can to help Parents and kids in all possible ways . My statement may not be perfect but it should touch every Mother's heart because it's not just raising them with values and culture we as Parents have to accept the change that's happening and Mold us to be best Friend to our new generation
311	Kemba Vance	CEC22	Community Education Council (22)	22K278	YES	NO	Good Evening, I would consider it an honor to serve on the Education Council. My son's education is of the upmost importance to me. I'm dedicated to his learning process and spend a lot of time ensuring he can be successful in his studies.
107	Florence Wang	CEC22	Community Education Council (22)	22K206	NO	NO	Now in my third year as co-President of my school's Parents Association, I have come to appreciate the important role parents hold as liaisons between the school, the community and students. It is my honor to communicate the needs and responsibilities of these parties in a way that helps everyone understand all the moving parts that affect their decisions. I would love to be involved with the CEC so that may understand the broader picture. I believe that this will not only increase my understanding, but allow me to better inform the parents of my school on their issues and concerns. I look forward to having a greater impact on the decisions that affect all of our students.
2729	Yihuan Wu	CEC22	Community Education Council (22)	22K234	NO	NO	I was on my children' elementary school SLT team for 3 years. As my children are soon returning to blended learning (they are both in middle school), the priorities should be: how do we help these children who have not been on the school ground for months adjust? How do we continue to support students who are 100% remote? How do we incorporate arts and sports and extracurricular programs for both blended and online students? How do we have field trips/school activities so students don't feel like they are missing out so much of school life? How do we make sure they continue to learn as much as they did when there was in-person instruction? It's not just important to have dialogues between parents/students/schools. Students must be able to communicate with one another, in a safe environment. One of the joys of school life is to meet and learn from their peers. I would like to work toward implementing programs that will better integrate all students, both blended and online, together, and help students and schools get back as close as possible to normal school life, even while we are still doing most things virtually. Thank you.

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3943	Natalia Yuvacheva	CEC22	Community Education Council (22)	22K195	NO	YES	My name is Natalia Yuvacheva. I have a Bachelor's degree in Engineering. I have experience in Project Management and in Math tutoring. I am an ELL Member and a 2nd Vice President of Community Education Council 22 (CEC 22). During my term in CEC 22 I have been advocating for school reopening and for improval of academic performance in schools. Many families have concerns in regards to influence of remote learning on physical and mental health of their children, and are worried about COVID-19 learning loss. Parents who prefer their children to attend school 5 days a week for in-person instruction should have the opportunity to do so. I believe that a bar should be set high for every student, and that every student should have an opportunity to receive an education in accordance with his or her educational needs. I will be glad to have an honor to advocate for availability in schools of academically advanced, afterschool, and summer school programs. I am committed to advocating for education that provides every student with an opportunity to achieve academic excellence.
5397	Mammona Zubair	CEC22	Community Education Council (22)	22K203	NO	NO	