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Introduced by Sen. SANDERS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules

AN ACT to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to establishing the citywide leadership team

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Title 21-A of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new chapter 23-A to read as follows:

CHAPTER 23-A

LEADERSHIP TEAMS

§ 21-990.1 Citywide leadership team. a. There shall be established a citywide leadership team consisting of a chair or co-chairs and at least twenty-nine representatives. The chair or co-chairs shall be chosen based on the bylaws drafted by the citywide leadership team. All representatives or proxies of such representatives shall be present at each meeting. Members shall be appointed by the following groups in the following manner:

1. one representative shall be selected by the chancellor, in consultation with the first deputy chancellor, the deputy chancellor of community empowerment, other deputy chancellors, and executive superintendents as needed;

2. one representative who is a senior official shall be selected by the council of school supervisors and administrators;

3. one representative who is a senior official shall be selected by the united federation of teachers;

4. one representative who is a senior official shall be selected by the district council thirty-seven;

5. one representative who is a senior official shall be selected by local two hundred thirty-seven;

6. seventeen parent representatives, one of which may be appointed by the chancellor to be member-at-large, to be selected as follows:

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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(a) two representatives shall be selected by the co-chairs of the chancellor's parent advisory council, or designees of such co-chairs;

(b) five representatives, one from each borough, shall be selected by voting members of the chancellor's parent advisory council, such selected representatives shall be parents of children in grades kindergarten through eighth grade;

(c) five representatives, one from each borough, shall be selected by the borough's high school presidents council;

(d) one representative shall be an elected community education council member selected by the presidents of the community educations councils; and

(e) four representatives shall be citywide council members, one from each citywide council, selected by such citywide councils;

7. seven representatives shall be student representatives to be selected as follows:

(a) two representatives shall be members of the chancellor's student advisory council to be selected by the chancellor; and

(b) five representatives, one from each borough, shall be members from each borough student advisory council, to be selected by the chancellor.

b. Additional representatives may be appointed as needed from partnering agencies as follows:

1. one representative who is a senior official may be selected from the police department of the city of New York;

2. one representative who is a senior official may be selected from the department of youth and community development;

3. one representative who is a senior official may be selected from the school construction authority; and

4. one representative who is a senior official may be selected from any other partnering agency or community-based organization as needed.

c. The citywide leadership team shall ensure that parents' voices are represented in all education decision-making, shall ensure education policies considered or implemented are conducive to promoting student achievement and enhancing the overall quality of education for students attending public schools in the city of New York, and shall include all stakeholders at all stages of the decision-making process. The responsibilities of the citywide leadership team shall include:

1. serving as a model for district leadership teams;

2. identifying concerns and reviewing revisions or changes to policies and regulations before submission to the panel for educational policy for consideration or a vote;

3. serving as an advisor to the chancellor and mayor on all issues involving education policy and programs;

4. providing input and feedback on the hiring of department leaders including the chancellor, deputy chancellors, and executive superintendents;

5. empowering district leadership teams and school leadership teams to contribute to the development of the central comprehensive education plan to facilitate cohesive education policies throughout all districts by providing uniformed plans basic enough for districts and schools to implement teaching and learning specifically for their district's respective needs;

6. developing and maintaining a one page check sheet for school leadership teams to report quarterly to district leadership teams, and for district leadership teams to report bi-annually to the citywide leadership team, to facilitate and fulfill the duties of the department's school and district improvement liaisons to oversee department central

accountability. The citywide leadership team and chancellor shall report annually in the month of July to the New York state department of education, the New York city public school system and to the public;

7. reporting to their respective constituents and bringing concerns and ideas of their respective school communities to the citywide leadership team; and

8. ensuring that at all times parents hold the majority of citywide leadership team seats.

d. The citywide leadership team shall:

1. hold a summit every other month starting in July of two thousand twenty-two, followed by September, November, January, March, and May. Such meetings shall alternate amongst each borough when such meeting occurs in person, with July's meeting being held at the department's central office. The citywide leadership team shall also meet when special circumstance arises;

2. draft its own bylaws, which shall be consistent with both the chancellor's and the state's regulations;

3. operate all meetings and summits in accordance with article seven of the public officers law and Robert's Rules of Order;

4. formulate and officiate a mission statement, design and develop a plan to meet mission objectives, establish accountability and evaluation methods for the citywide leadership team, district leadership teams, and school leadership teams, and maintain harmonization across all three levels of teams;

5. share information with their respective constituents and bring their feedback to the citywide leadership team for consideration and deliberation; and

6. allow members of the public to submit questions, comments, or suggestions in writing in advance of any meeting or summit for consideration by the citywide leadership team.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.