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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

20 b. Additional representatives may be appointed as needed from partner-
21 ing agencies as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

37 1. serving as a model for district leadership teams;

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

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

43 4. providing input and feedback on the hiring of department leaders
44 including the chancellor, deputy chancellors, and executive superinten-
45 dents;

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

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

1 accountability. The citywide leadership team and chancellor shall report
2 annually in the month of July to the New York state department of educa-
3 tion, the New York city public school system and to the public;

4 7. reporting to their respective constituents and bringing concerns
5 and ideas of their respective school communities to the citywide leader-
6 ship team; and

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

9 d. The citywide leadership team shall:

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

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

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

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

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

28 6. allow members of the public to submit questions, comments, or
29 suggestions in writing in advance of any meeting or summit for consider-
30 ation by the citywide leadership team.

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