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Introduced by Sen. SANDERS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on New York City Education

AN ACT to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to establishing the citywide leadership team; and making an appropriation therefor

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. The Citywide Leadership Team is based on the NYS commissioner's regulations 100.11 and The Chancellor's Regulations A-655 Article XIII, and the Manhattan High Schools Presidents Council Resolution adopted May 26, 2021, for the largest school district in New York state and nation to adhere to and engage stakeholders accordingly, and will serve as a model for school and district leadership teams to ensure they are operating effectively, to align the school based budget with a comprehensive education plan, so every New York city public school student has direct access to high quality educational opportunities.

b. The citywide leadership team shall consist of twenty-five representatives. Members shall be appointed by the following groups in the following manner:

1. the New York city public school chancellor, or a senior official selected by the chancellor;

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

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

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

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4. one representative who is the president of the district council thirty-seven; or a senior official selected by the president;

5. one representative who is president of local two hundred thirty-seven; or a senior official selected by the president.

6. nine parent representatives to be selected by PTA Presidents via Presidents Councils as follows:

(a) one representative from each borough;

(b) one representative from high schools;

(c) one representative from an individualized education plan (IEP);

(d) one representative from English language learners; and

(e) one representative from union D75.

7. ten representatives shall be student representatives to be selected by presidents of student governments/councils, two students from each borough.

8. Additional representatives from community based organizations and school affiliated agencies as needed.

c. The citywide leadership team shall ensure that parents' and students' 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. serve as a model for school and district leadership teams;

2. providing necessary support for school leadership teams to effectively align the school base budget with comprehensive education plan;

3. empowering school district leadership teams and school leadership teams to contribute to the development of the citywide 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;

4. 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 help cohesively facilitate the duties of the department's school and district improvement liaisons to oversee department central accountability. The citywide leadership team and chancellor shall report State of the Schools 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;

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

6. The citywide leadership team co-developers will provide advisement to ensure fairness, effectiveness and accountability.

d. The citywide leadership team shall:

1. hold a summit at least three times a school year, and hold meetings when special circumstances arise;

2. shall have a standing committee called the legislative committee that will provide professional development for education stakeholders, and carry out the main mission of creating a single document, the citywide comprehensive education plan, that represents the consensus of all New York city education stakeholders. As required, further committees can be formed;

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

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

5. 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;

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

7. 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, along with the chancellor and presidents of unions.

8. A quorum shall consist of seven members, including one union member, four parents, and two students with at least two boroughs represented.

§ 2. The sum of two hundred fifty thousand dollars ($250,000.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated to the department of education out of any moneys in the state treasury in the general fund to the credit of the New York city department of education, not otherwise appropriated, and made immediately available for expenses, including for an executive administrator, administrative assistant and stipends for parents and students participating on the citywide leadership team, and for incidental expenses. Such moneys shall be payable on the audit and warrant of the comptroller on vouchers certified or approved by the department of education in the manner prescribed by law.

§ 3. 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.