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January 16, 2020 Town Hall with Chancellor Carranza *Community District Education Council 26 Statement*

Queens, New York- Community District Education Council 26 would like to thank our District 26 families, elected officials and District 26 staff and administration for attending January 16, 2020 Town Hall with Chancellor Richard A. Carranza. We truly appreciate and thank our District 26 families and community members for their overwhelming support and attendance at the Town Hall meeting with Chancellor Carranza.

While some questions addressing budget, family notifications, student concerns, curricula development, staff resources and support were posed to the Chancellor, **unfortunately an important and current pressing topic in District 26 was not completely addressed which is the “safety of our children”**.

While we applaud an open dialogue for parents with the Chancellor about this topic, **unfortunately the Chancellor chose to end the meeting abruptly due to what he felt as “safety concerns”**.

Any comments or concerns that were posed to the Council whether in email, or that evening on comment cards were submitted to the Chancellor's office.

CDEC26 is committed to being dedicated and engaged to advocating on behalf of our school communities: families, teachers, but most importantly our children.

About CDEC26: CDEC26 serves as an advisory board providing input and comment to the Chancellor and the Panel on Educational Policy regarding the needs of the district and DOE policy, in addition to policy implementation. We serve as advocates for the parents of the district, as well as the district itself to the Chancellor and PEP.

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