

## The Problem:

Chapter 91 of the Laws of 2002 and Chapter 123 of 2003 established a centralized, mayoral control system of governance for the New York City School District. In 2019, the Legislature extended the provisions of mayoral control for three years, until June 30, 2022, and included provisions to increase parental involvement on the Panel for Education Policy and Community District Education Council. The purpose of this joint hearing is to comprehensively examine the overall effectiveness of mayoral control of the New York City School District and to hear from stakeholders on the ways to address the inequities in our schools and improve student performance.

Good Day to All!

The purpose of my writing with great interest is towards a suggestion of a solution for consideration on the ways to address the inequities in our schools and improve student performance.

In the interest of saving time here are my points for a solution:

1. Transfer governance to the five Borough President's Offices in New York City.
2. Add additional community board positions to help navigate improvement towards success in student performance.
3. Add seats on the community boards for each category of active students, immediate graduates and alumni to participate virtually.

Why the Borough President's Office?

1. Former Borough President Gale Brewer brought on many interns through her hallowed doors successfully.
2. Former Borough President Gale Brewer is well known in government as a innovator for interns by the numbers who happily donated their respective time, resources and service to Manhattan.

3. Who better to understand education than a government official who practices education as a hallmark of her office.

5. I believe the Charter of the Borough President's Office provides for the health and welfare and culture to find safekeepings in each of the borough President's Offices.

In summary, I believe an expansion of the Borough President's Office alongside the community boards would increase capacity to find overlooked solutions to student improvement as a thriving community working together.

Thank you for the time to offer a solution for consideration to all interested parties today.

Respectfully submitted.

Brief Summary:

My testimony is to suggest a solution to the New York City public education crises which would move control away from the Mayors Office. I suggest the five (5) Borough President's Offices to wear the mantles of accountability, together, for centralized governance in each borough of New York City respectively. This action would be a nod to the over 30 years of Councilperson Gale Brewer's public service commitments by heralding the future through actively utilizing interns to light the way in service to New York City during Brewers tenures as Borough President.

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Wishing you the courage to do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can,

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