

Please let us know if your organization will consider passing this resolution, calling on the DOE, UFT and CSA to form a Task Force to develop the class size reduction plan by emailing us at info@classsizematters.org. So far, CPAC, [CEC3](#), [CEC 4](#), [CEC 11](#), [CEC 15](#), [CEC 21](#), [CEC 24](#) and [CEC 26](#) in Queens have passed similar ones, with more to come – as well as CB 6 in Queens, with more to come.

There is also a letter your organization can sign on this issue addressed to [the DOE here](#). If you have any questions or want a briefing on these issues, also contact us at the above email address. Thanks!

Sample Resolution in favor of a Task Force be created to develop the class size reduction plan

Whereas, in June 2022, the Legislature overwhelmingly passed S9460/ [A10498](#) by a vote of 59-4 in the Senate and 147-2 in the Assembly, requiring that NYC implement a five-year class size reduction plan beginning in the fall of 2022.

Whereas, on Sept. 8, 2022, Gov. Kathy Hochul signed the bill into law, based upon [a statement](#) that the bill will be amended to begin the five-year phase-in period on Sept. 2023;

Whereas, the law calls for class size caps to be achieved over this period of no more than 20 students per class in grades K-3, no more than 23 students per class in grades 4th-8th, and no more than 25 students per class in high school, with physical education and performing art classes capped at forty students per class;

Whereas, each year starting in September 2023, 20 percent of all classes must achieve these caps, with an additional 20 percent of classes added each year, until all schools comply with these caps by the end of the 2027-2028 school year, with the documented attainment of these caps due Sept. 2028.

Whereas, the city's plan is supposed to prioritize schools with high levels of poverty to reduce class size first.

Whereas, the law says the plan shall be a product of negotiation between the Department of Education, the United Federation of Teachers and the Council of School Administrators;

Whereas, parents, advocates, students, community members and elected officials must be included to help develop this plan in the most transparent and accountable manner and to guarantee that there will be sufficient space, funding, and staffing to achieve the goals within the timeframe specified by the law;

Whereas, the planning process needs to start now, especially to ensure that the capital plan includes sufficient new space in our most overcrowded communities;

Whereas, reducing class size is a critical need to ensure equity for all NYC school students and there is no time to waste;

Be it resolved, that [name of your organization] calls on the Chancellor, the UFT and the CSA to establish a Task Force that includes parents, advocates, students, community members and elected officials to work with them in the most transparent and accountable manner to develop an effective, equitable, and achievable class size reduction plan.