2016-2017 CEC Socioeconomic Integration Report, **D1**

June 21, 2017

Sept. 2014 Town Hall with Chancellor Farina where CEC rolls out diversity workshops to further establish framework for controlled choice; data further evidences inequities due to open choice policy; **SIPP Grant awarded Aug. 2015**; planning \$ delayed, expert unpaid, other mandates unfulfilled

'13-14

'14-'15

2016: continued bad faith, a double standard for set-aside model, community edged out; state withholds grant \$; in April '17 DoE floats a still secret new D1 proposal; 6/6/17 Mayor releases "Diversity Plan"

'16-'17

Community controls for equity removed by Mayoral Control led to present outcomes as confirmed by **Oct. 2013** CEC commissioned WXY study to assess impact which found racial/SES "clustering"; DOE legal counsel puts off a TNS set-aside request

Fall 2015 workgroups function and succeed in spite of setbacks and DoE delays; recommendations released in March; Aug. '16 OSE announces (privately) a 95% certainty of no action

'15-'16

Press Release does though make a limited commitment to D1: June 6th, 2016, NYC DoE, "As part of the district work, the DOE will continue to work as a technical advisor to the Socioeconomic Integration Working Group of the District 1 Community Education Council in its effort to create a district-wide equitable admissions model and Family Resource Center to increase diversity in its elementary schools. The DOE will continue to help the working group craft a proposal that is fair and feasible, and gains the support of school leaders, school communities, and other critical stakeholders, in time for the admissions cycle for the kindergarten class entering in fall 2018."



Where do we go from here?

Controlled Choice in D1

(registration, application, assignment features)

- Applicable to newly enrolling Pre-K and K students (and transfers & late enrollments)
- Maintain sibling priority and grandfathering
- Assign students so that Pre-K and K classes consist of enrollments with equal distribution (+/- 5%) of at-risk subgroups (low-SES*, ELL, StH, and SwD)
- Measure low-SES* by household income, educational attainment of guardian, and number of adults and minors in household
- Register locally at a Family Resource Center
- Accept self-reported at-risk status

Family Resource Center in D1

(still needed: focus groups to explore the needs of at risk families; possible features below)

- Offer support through the enrollment and application process and in the main languages spoken in D1
- Help inform school choice and make choice information available via websites
- Adopt effective takeaways from the Pre- K expansion, such as language supports and expanded signage
- Locate the FRC in one central location with alternate and varying hours
- Offer networking and peer support, and workshops and continuing education
- Provide information on after-school and summer programs, and access to food, housing, and other CBO supports

\$500,000

NY State is now said to be set to release \$500,000 on July 1 (\$250,000 for P.S. 15 and \$250,000 to the district) for 2017-18.

How will the socioeconomic integration money be spent?

Next steps

Reinstate regular and collaborative meetings

At parent-friendly times with supports (child care/food)
Allow for outreach, participation, and authentic engagement
Restore community collaboration, rather than DoE control

Provide resources to make good on commitments

Put commitments in writing to the state prior to receiving any \$ Fund a controlled choice expert and project manager Establish a clear timeline and work plan for implementation

Next steps

Build accountability

Make data transparent and available online (subject to articulated legal restrictions)

Post regular minutes and progress for public review

Agree on an independent monitor to hold parties accountable

Adhere to the terms of the 2015 SIPP grant

Deliver an expert-vetted proposal, and include Pre-K Establish a Family Resource Center by a specified date Achieve aims and goals of grant and basic community goal of equity

Next steps

Create an authentic model

A community-driven process for creation vetting/buy-in of an equitable admissions policy can serve as a model for NYC

Without these next steps, D1 remains an object lesson in this administration's lack of commitment to addressing systemic segration of NYC public schools

Regular, collaborative meetings; written goals and work plan; adequate resources to support; formal accountability measures

Comprehensive outreach to D1 community continues (townhalls, daycares, CBOs, schools)

Pre-K Controlled Choice Enrollment Begins



Community supported controlled choice plan for Pre-K, K, and a related Family Resource Center to support the plan announced

K Controlled Choice Enrollment Begins