

Candidate Forums

From April 27 - May 2 2011, candidates who are seeking election to Community and Citywide Education Councils will have an opportunity to participate in Candidate Forums. All candidates are strongly encouraged to attend the Candidate Forum scheduled for their district, borough or citywide program. A list of all Candidate Forum dates and locations are attached. Candidate Forums are expected to last approximately 90 minutes.

What to expect

Each Candidate Forum is locally hosted and organized by the Office for Family Information and Action in partnership with the applicable Presidents' Council. As a result, there is no single, fixed format for all events.

Candidate Forums will provide opportunities for candidates to deliver prepared remarks and also respond to questions from parents. The structure of a candidate forum can vary. In the past, some forums have been set up as "informational fairs" where parents can go from table to table to visit with candidates and ask questions. Other candidate forums are quite simple and consist only of an introduction to candidates, candidate statements, and audience Q&A. Regardless of the format, you should be prepared for an evening filled with lots of questions from parents, as well as opportunities to present your thoughts on how to better schools in your district.

How to prepare

A Candidate Forum is your opportunity to impress the designated Selectors who will cast final votes in the Community and/or Citywide Education Council elections, and present yourself as a strong candidate. This event is a critically important part of the selection process when it comes to influencing how Selectors will vote. In order to create a positive impression, candidates are encouraged to dress professionally and arrive early.

Candidates are NOT permitted to distribute any campaign materials at the Candidates Forum. However, you may want to bring business cards as well as a pad of paper to exchange and gather contact information from parents at the event.

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One of the most important parts of being an effective Community or Citywide Education Council member is being able to effectively and concisely articulate your views and positions. In advance of your Candidate Forum, you should feel free to reach out to your District Family Advocate (DFA) to get up-to-date information about what is happening in your district, and some of the issues that you should be prepared to address. Contact information for District Offices, including DFAs, is attached to this document.

It may also help to prepare talking points or an outline of how you might respond to questions about issues in your district. Public speaking is an important part of your role as a Community or Citywide Education Council member. Therefore, if you are nervous about speaking in front of an audience, you should practice in advance.

Voter Guides

Voter Guides will be printed in advance and made available at all Candidate Forums so that parents will have background information that they can read about each candidate. The Voter Guides consist of the “Applicant Background” and “Personal Statement” that candidates completed during the application process.

Interpretation Services

Interpretation services will be available for candidates and audience participants upon request.

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Community & Citywide Education Council Selection Process, Candidates Forums

Candidate Forums allow Community and Citywide Education Council applicants the opportunity to make presentations to the selectors, parents and other interested parties about their interest in becoming a council member. Candidates should attend the forum specific to the district in which they're applying to serve. Parents should attend the forum specific to the district in which their child attends public school.

OFIA will be facilitating candidate forums in each district.

District Forum	Citywide Forum	Date	Location	Location Address	Time of Forum
1		5/3	PS 20	166 Essex Street, New York, NY 10002	6PM
2	CCHS Manhattan Forum	5/2	District 2 Office	333 7th Avenue, New York, NY 10001 7 th Floor- District 2 8 th Floor- CCHA Manhattan Forum	6PM
3		5/5	JOA Auditorium	154 W. 93rd Street, Rm#122 NY, NY 10025	6PM
4		4/28	PS 155	319 East 117th Street, New York, NY 10035	6PM
5		5/2	PS 125 Harlem Renaissance Technology	425 West 123rd Street, 6th Floor NY, NY 10027	6PM
6		5/3	PS 48	4360 Broadway New York, NY 10033	6PM
7		4/28	PS 574 New Explorer's High School	730 Concourse Village West Tower B, , Bronx, NY 10451	6PM
8		5/3	IS 131	885 Bolton Avenue Bronx, NY 10473	6PM
9		5/3	MS 219	3630 Third Avenue Bronx, NY 10456	6PM
10	CCHS Bronx Forum	4/28	PS 54	2703 Webster Avenue Bronx, New York 10458	5PM

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11		4/27	PS 545 Bronx Aerospace	800 East Gun Hill Road, , Bronx, NY 10467	6PM
12		5/3	PS 214	1970 West Farms Road, , Bronx, NY 10460	6PM
13		4/28	MS 113	300 Adelphi Street, Brooklyn, NY 11205	6PM
14	CCHS Brooklyn Forum	5/3	IS 71 Juan Moral Campus MS/HS 71	215 Heyward Street Brooklyn, NY 11211	6PM
15		4/28	PS94	5010 6th Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11220	6PM
16		5/3	PS 26	1014 Lafayette Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11221	6 PM
17		5/2	MS 354	1224 Park Place, Brooklyn, NY 11213	6PM
18		5/3	IS 285	5909 Beverly Road, Brooklyn, Y 11203	6PM
19		4/28	PS 13	557 Pennsylvania, Auditorium, Brooklyn, NY 11207	6PM
20		5/3	District 20 Office	415 89th Street 4th Floor, , Brooklyn, NY 11209	6PM
21		4/27	PS 216	350 Avenue X, Brooklyn, NY 11223	6PM
22		4/28	79K555	5619 Flatlands Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11234	5PM
23		5/3	PS/IS 327	111 Bristol Street, Brooklyn, NY 11212	6PM
24		4/27	Aviation High School	45-30 36th St, Long Island City, NY, 11101	6PM

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25		5/3	District 25 Office	30-48 Linden Pl Rm#306, Flushing, NY 11368	5PM
26		5/2	MS 74	61-15 Oceania Street, Bayside, NY 11364	6PM
27		5/3	MS 210	93-11 101 Avenue Queens , NY 11416	6PM
28	CCHS Queens Forum	5/2	District 28 Office	90-27 Sutphin Blvd. Queens, NY 11435	6PM
29		5/2	PS 131	170-45 84 Avenue Queens, NY 11432	6PM
30		5/2	PS234	30-15 29th Street, Queens, NY 11102	6PM
31	CCHS SI Forum	5/3	The Michael J. Petrides School	715 Ocean Terrace, Staten Island NY 10301	District 31-5PM CCHS SI Forum- 7PM
32		5/2	PS 274	800 Bushwick Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11221	5PM
CCELL	Manhattan	5/5	Tweed Courthouse	52 Chambers Street New York, NY 1007	6PM
CCSE	Manhattan	5/4	Tweed Courthouse	52 Chambers Street New York, NY 1007	6PM
District 75	Manhattan	5/4	District 75 Office	400 First Avenue New York, NY 10010	6PM
D75 & CCELL CCSE		5/3	P721Q	57-12 94th Street Elmhurst Queens 11373	6PM
D75 CCELL CCSE		5/2	P723X	189-3441 Steenwick Avenue Bronx 10475	6PM
D75 CCSE		5/5	P753K	510 Clermont Avenue Brooklyn, New York 11238	6PM
D75 CCELL CCSE	Staten Island	5/6	P721R	155 Tompkins Avenue Staten Island, NY 10304	4PM-6PM