



Citywide Council on English Language Learners (CCELL)

Department of Education of the City of New York

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Citywide Council on English Language Learners (CCELL) Resolution No. 34 Support of Remote Bilingual and Home Language Instruction During the COVID-19 Pandemic

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WHEREAS, the Citywide Council on English Language Learners (CCELL), was established by NYS Education Law 2590-B, ...with the power to advise and consent on any educational or instructional policy involving bilingual or English as a New Language Programs, ...; and

WHEREAS, The COVID-19 pandemic continues to affect the ability of the New York City Department of Education (DOE) to open schools and provide regular access to in-person learning and language support services for English Language Learners (ELLs), and students continue to be served by blended or remote instruction; and

WHEREAS, ELLs in DOE schools continue to be underserved and receive insufficient language support services and bilingual education, with fewer than one in four qualifying ELLs provided bilingual education programs in the 2018-2019 academic year, leaving more than 71,000 ELLs who qualify for bilingual education without instructional support in their home languages; and

WHEREAS, the Council recognizes the important role instructional support in the home language plays in the learning and educational achievement of ELLs;

RESOLVED, That the Citywide Council on English Language Learners hereby calls on the New York City Department of Education to make available remote bilingual or home language instruction for all ELLs who qualify for bilingual education programs for as long as instruction continues to be offered to students in a blended or remote model.