



## ***Education Committee - Board of Representatives***

Megan Cottrell, Chair

Ramya Shaw, Vice Chair

# **Committee Report**

**Date:** Monday, September 30, 2024

**Time:** 7:00 p.m.

**Place:** *This meeting was held remotely*

The Education Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Cottrell, Vice Chair Shaw, and Committee Member Reps. Strain and Weinberg. Also in attendance were Tamu Lucero, SPS Superintendent; Juan Pazmino, Coordinator of Family and Community Engagement, and Amy Beldotti, Chief Academic Officer. Absent or excused were Reps. Jean-Louis, Mays, and Pierre-Louis.

Chair Cottrell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Committee Action</b>
1. <a href="#">E31.034</a>	REVIEW; Multilingual Learner Bill of Rights and How SPS is Working to Comply. 06/04/24 – Submitted by Rep. Cottrell 07/15/24 – Held at Steering 08/12/24 – Moved to Pending <b>09/30/24 – Report made</b>	<b>Report Made</b>

Coordinator Pazmino discussed the components of the Parent Bill of Rights.

- Parents have the right to register their students in public schools regardless of immigration status.
- Accessibility to translation services.
- Information regarding programming, state testing requirements, progress of their child.
- Access to grade level curriculum.
- Annual language proficiency testing.
- Additional interventions if needed.
- The right to reach out to the State Department of Education if they have any questions or concerns.

## Report Made

2. [E31.035](#) REVIEW; Restructuring of the EL Coordinator Position and how Oversight will be Provided for Instruction of English Language Learners Moving Forward and How Compliance Will Be Ensured With The 2014 Settlement Agreement with the USDOJ.  
06/04/24 – Submitted by Rep. Cottrell  
07/15/24 – Held at Steering  
08/12/24 – Moved to Pending  
**09/03/24 – Report made**

Chief Academic Officer Beldotti discussed the Multilingual Learning (ML) Program.

- Under the umbrella of ML:
  - Continuum of services offered to students to support the acquisition of English.
  - World language offerings.
  - Seal of biliteracy.
- There are multilingual learner programs at all levels, elementary, middle and high school.
- The English Learners (EL) department and Special Education was incorporated into the Teaching and Learning department
- The DOJ Agreement and EL guidelines guide the work of the department.

SPS Welcome Center:

- A school-based location where all aspects of registration can be completed including:
  - Enrollment documentation review.
  - Registration assistance.
  - Screening for EL services.
  - Access to a school-based health center for physicals.
  - High school transcript requests and review.
- The new location at Cloonan Middle School will replace the current space at the Government Center.

## No committee action

3. [E31.037](#) APPROVAL; of an interim agreement between Arcadis, US and the City of Stamford for Owners Representative services as related to Pre-construction Services for the new Roxbury K-8 School.  
08/30/24 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons  
09/12/24 – Failed by the Board of Finance 2-4-0  
**09/23/24 – No committee action**

Item 3 was not discussed due to the item failing at the Board of Finance.

4. [E31.038](#) APPROVAL; of an interim agreement between TSKP and the City of Stamford for Concept and Schematic Design and cost estimating of the Schematic design as it relates to the new Roxbury K-8 School. **No committee action**  
08/30/24 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons  
09/12/24 – Failed by the Board of Finance 2-4-0  
**09/23/24 – No committee action**

Item 4 was not discussed due to the item failing at the Board of Finance.

Chair Cottrell adjourned the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Megan Cottrell, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).