



MEMORANDUM OF SUPPORT

New York City Council
Int. No. 563-A and Int. No. 566-A
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The *Council of School Supervisors and Administrators (CSA)* strongly supports Int. 563-A, a local law to amend the New York City Charter, regarding the notification of information related to polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) in schools, and Int. 566-A, a local law to amend the New York City Charter, regarding the required reporting of information related to PCBs.

The amendments proposed in Int. 563-A call for the DOE to notify parents and school staff of any and all PCB contamination along with a plan of action to remove the contamination. Additionally, the amendments proposed in Int. 566-A hold the Chancellor accountable to the City Council to ensure that progress of PCB removal is moving at an adequate rate and that the DOE is in compliance with the notifications required in Int. 563-A.

The proposed legislation protects our students and staff from the dangers of PCBs and mandates that effective communication strategies be implemented to keep all parties informed. These measures are necessary to ensure that our students and school staff maintain a healthy work environment, and that the DOE is transparent in its efforts to remove any potential contamination.

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