

City of Philadelphia



Council of the City of Philadelphia
Office of the Chief Clerk
Room 402, City Hall
Philadelphia

(Resolution No. 110247)

RESOLUTION

Calling for hearings before the City Council Committee on Education to examine the climate of violence in our City schools and to discuss ways it can be reduced.

WHEREAS, According to the FBI, Philadelphia is considered the most violent large city school district in America for the past two years; and

WHEREAS, On an average day, there are reportedly twenty-five (25) individuals who are beaten, robbed, or attacked in our public schools; and

WHEREAS, During the 2009-2010 school year, the Philadelphia Police Department made 183 arrests dealing with this issue; and

WHEREAS, School violence has become a national problem for many large city public schools; and

WHEREAS, Violence increased over 5 percent in neighborhood schools; and

WHEREAS, Nine out of every 10 schools in Philadelphia reported a serious incident; and

WHEREAS, School assaults rose five percent from 61 to 66 percent last year; and

WHEREAS, The last school year, incidents of violence grew to 4,541 individuals; and

WHEREAS, Violence prevents students from learning; and

WHEREAS, And now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Philadelphia City Council hereby calls for hearings before the City Council Committee on Education to examine the climate of violence in our City schools and to discuss ways it can be reduced.

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RESOLUTION NO. 110247 continued

CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution, Adopted by the Council of the City of Philadelphia on the seventh of April, 2011.

Anna C. Verna
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

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CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmembers Blackwell, Jones, Miller, Reynolds Brown, Sanchez and Kenney

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