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Resolution on Closing G.E.D. Sites

Whereas the September 30, 2004 New York Times reports that the NYC Department of Education has, without adequate notice, closed dozens of G.E.D. preparation sites, "bewildering staff members and creating a chaotic situation for young people already at risk for abandoning their studies;” and whereas PSC/CUNY recognizes that teachers in the NYC public high schools play a vital role in educating the young people of New York City; nevertheless, for some, G.E.D. programs become an alternative route to the high school diploma; and

Whereas the PSC/CUNY strongly supports G.E.D. programs as essential avenues to higher education and adequate employment for many students; therefore be it

Resolved, that the PSC/CUNY express its forceful opposition to this fall’s closing of the G.E.D. preparation sites and urge the CUNY Chancellor and the Board of Trustees to join the PSC/CUNY in advocating their reestablishment.