

**September 30, 2004**

**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.