

Regents Meeting
May9, 2017- Middle Level Item
Post Notes

Regent Mittler

- Referenced emails from the technology teachers
- Specifically mentioned Bob Walters (Robotics teacher?)
- Said she was not convinced this is a good idea and quoted tech email blast
- Was fearful that schools would find a way to get around this using incidental teaching
- Said we should retain the current mandate

Regent Tilles

- Thought the concept was good; concept, flexibility, and transition is great
- Acknowledged that there are not enough teachers and doesn't want to lose the ones we have in place and who are doing a good job
- Distressed by emails being sent to his personal account
- He finds the people who said we should get rid of art and music instead of combining CTE to be repulsive

Chancellor Rosa

We always get people who will love something and hate something, but at the end of the day I have to look at impact and need across the whole State. In this case, some schools just can't find certain teachers and this will help them. It's an opportunity to expand the CTE conversation

Regent Young

Agreed with the Chancellor that people don't resist change they resist being changed. This will provide more opportunities to kids; specifically mentioned PTech pathways and the importance of tying middle school CTE to high school opportunities. There are NYC high schools that want to make partnerships with middle schools

Regent Reyes

Asked the question "What is the emergency?" in regard to this being an emergency action
The Commissioner responded with, "Schools want to fill positions for next year. "
If we don't do it now then they won't be able to make these changes until the next year.

Commissioner Elia

The Commissioner also added that this idea has been being floated around for over eight years by the Superintendents Association. She said this is a connection from middle school to high school programs. Middle school is where students disconnect; they don't see the future

Vote: Regent Tillis and Regent Mittler were the only No votes. Tilles explained that he wasn't voting no because he thought it was a bad idea, he wanted "grandfathering" or protection for teachers currently in place