RESOLVED, that the School of Education be established at Medgar Evers College encompassing the newly established Department of Developmental and Special Education as well as the newly established Department of Multicultural Early Childhood and Elementary Education and that the Department of Education within the School of Liberal Arts and Education be abolished and the name of the School of Liberal Arts and Education be renamed the School of Liberal Arts effective August 1, 2017 subject to financial viability.

EXPLANATION: Pursuant to academic and institutional planning, and following consultation by the President and Provost with faculty and students affected by the reorganization, and the administrative leadership, Medgar Evers College proposes to create a new School of Education that will: (1) reassign its existing Education Department into two academic departments: the Department of Multicultural Early Childhood and Elementary Education which is beginning a search for a fifth faculty member, and the Department of Developmental and Special Education. The Education Department currently operates under the School of Liberal Arts and Education and offers one pre-professional and three professional degree programs. The Department is accredited by the National Council for Teacher Education (2003, 2013). Creation of a School will enhance the ability of faculty members to more effectively practice within the developmental levels of their disciplines, to conduct innovative research, and to refine and expand professional development of practicing educators. It will allow for a more focused approach to programmatic and curricular development, thereby enabling the departments to keep pace with the dynamic changes in educator preparation as mandated by New York State Certification requirements.