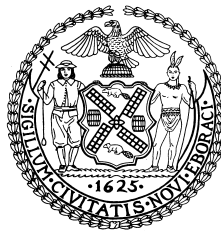


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## The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

February 25, 2013

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### **RE: Accurate information regarding number of seats at Wagner Intermediate School**

Dear Ms. Tanikawa:

At its Full Board meeting Wednesday, February 20, 2013, Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted the following resolution by a vote of 34 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions:

**WHEREAS** Robert Wagner Intermediate School located at 220 East 76 St, and

**WHEREAS** parents in Community District 8 have consistently expressed their preference to send their children to a neighborhood Middle School and not to a 900 seat Middle School on Morton Street, and

**WHEREAS** the Wagner has two types of programs: the Academic Program—which is open to all students living in Community District 8 and the Special program—which is a Choice option and open to all students residing in Community Education District 2, and

**WHEREAS** while the enrollment in October 2012 was 1,263, based on current trends that number will likely increase by June 2013, and

**WHEREAS** the DOE has phantom space listed for students that do not exist, such as the two (2) classrooms and library that were converted to a media center or the three (3) ICT classes that have 12 students each but are still listed as 33 student seats per class etc., and

**WHEREAS** it is essential in future planning for the DOE and parents to know the actual number of seats that can be occupied by students, and

**WHEREAS** Wagner Middle School and East Side Middle School, which seem to be filled to capacity, are the main middle schools located in Community District 8, and

**WHEREAS** the increasing elementary-school student population in the Upper East Side (UES) over the last several years has resulted in a substantial increase in Kindergarten classes, particularly with 3 new elementary schools in Community District 8, thereby creating a need for increased Middle School seats in the community, and

**WHEREAS** the UES is being ignored by the DOE when it comes to establishing additional Middle School space

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Community Board 8 on behalf of the parents of Community District 8 would like accurate information on the actual number of seats available for students at Wagner so that the proper planning can take place, and

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Community Board 8 on behalf of the parents of Community District 8 strongly urge that the phantom seats be removed from the number shown in the Blue Book, **which we recommend being updated this year.**

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

Nicholas D. Viest  
Chair

Hattie Quarnstrom and Judith Schneider  
Co-Chair, Youth and Education Committee

Hon. Michael Bloomberg, Mayor of the City of New York  
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Hon. Martin Barr, Executive Director, Department of Education  
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Elizabeth Rose, Chief of Staff for Public Affairs  
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