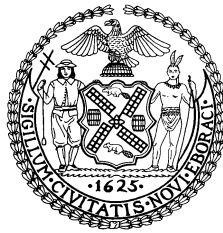


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The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

May 13, 2010

Chancellor Joel Klein
NYC Department of Education
52 Chambers Street
New York, NY 10007

RE: Students on Waitlist

Dear Chancellor Klein:

At its Land Use/Full Board meeting Wednesday, May 12, 2010, Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted the following resolution by a vote of 41 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstention:

WHEREAS the Department of Education has indicated in the past that waitlisted UES families may indicate a preference for an alternative placement due to overcrowding, and

WHEREAS it is appropriate for the Department of Education to make this accommodation to children who are unable to attend their first choice school due to overcrowding, and

WHEREAS the number of waitlisted students at PS 59, PS 183, and PS 290 are approximately double that of the number of students waitlisted last year, and

WHEREAS the Department of Education plans alternate placement assignments for waitlisted students by geographical location,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 8M requests that the Department of Education to allow those students in Community District 8M who are zoned for PS59, PS 183, and PS290 and who, because of overcrowding, are Wait Listed the option to indicate a school in Community District 8M that they would prefer to attend, should there be space, for the school year of 2010 – 2011 and beyond.

Please advise this office of any action taken regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Jacqueline Ludorf
Chair

James Clynes and Judith Schneider
Co-Chair, Youth and Education Committee

cc: Hon. Michael Bloomberg, Mayor of the City of New York
Hon. Dennis M. Walcott, Deputy Mayor for Policy
Hon. Kathleen Grimm, Deputy Chancellor of Finance & Administration
Hon. Jeff Shear, Chief of Staff
Hon. Martin Barr, Executive Director, Department of Education
Hon. Scott M. Stringer, Manhattan Borough President
Hon. Rose Pierre-Louis, Deputy Manhattan Borough President
Hon. Carolyn Maloney, United States Congress Member
Hon. Liz Krueger, New York State Senator
Hon. Jonathan Bing, New York State Assembly Member
Hon. Micah Kellner, New York State Assembly Member
Hon. Daniel Garodnick, New York City Council Member
Hon. Jessica Lappin, New York City Council Member
Hon. Robert Jackson, Chair, Education Committee, New York City Council
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