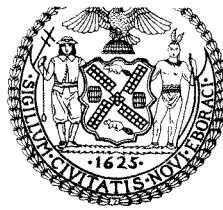


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The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

May 17, 2012

Hon. Daniel R. Garodnick
Council Member 4th District
211 East 43rd Street-Suite #1205
New York, NY 10017

Hon. Jessica Lappin
Council Member 5th District
330 East 63rd Street-Suite #1K
New York, NY 10065

RE: Creation of a School Capital fund tied to Residential Growth Resolution

Dear Council Members Garodnick and Lappin:

At its Full Board meeting Wednesday, May 16, 2012 Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted the following resolution by a vote of 40 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstentions:

WHEREAS the city's population is growing; projections from the Department of City Planning anticipate a 1.1 million increase by 2030, bringing the city's population total to 9.1 million, and

WHEREAS as a result of the population growth, the demand for city services, including fire, police, libraries, and schools has increased, and

WHEREAS the demand for public schools has increased in all districts especially in District 2, and

WHEREAS in District 2 between 30% to 55% of families, depending on particular neighborhoods, are sending their children to public school, and

WHEREAS District 2 has had more capacity added but overcrowding and wait lists still exist, and

WHEREAS more than 60% of District 2 schools are over 100% of capacity and more than 50% of 4th and 5th grade classes have over 28 students per class, and

WHEREAS District 2 parents and the Community Education Council District 2 have requested that more schools be built, and the NYC Department of Education has stated that there are not sufficient funds to build new schools, and

WHEREAS having a good public education is a right and a mandate, and it is beneficial to all of NYC citizens to have properly educated children, and

WHEREAS the city has an obligation to the citizens of NYC to have sufficient school seats for its children, and to match school capacity to our growing population,

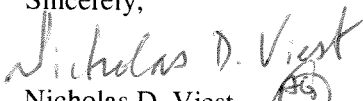
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Community Board 8 calls upon the city to think creatively to fund development of more school capacity, and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Community Board 8 urges the City and the School Construction Authority to re-calculate the demand for school seats based on each school zone and take into consideration residential development and birth rates by neighborhood rather than the Capital Plan sub-districts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the city continues to provide incentives and benefits to developers to build new residential housing, Community Board 8 urges the city to have new residential developments contribute to the construction of more school seats for our children within that neighborhood and sub-district.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,


Nicholas D. Viest
Chair


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

cc: Hon. Michael Bloomberg, Mayor of the City of New York
Hon. Christine Quinn, Speaker, New York City Council
Hon. Robert Jackson, Chair, Education Committee, New York City Council
Hon. Dennis Walcott, Chancellor, Department of Education
Hon. Kathleen Grimm, Deputy Chancellor of Finance & Administration
Hon. Jeff Shear, Chief of Staff
Hon. Martin Barr, Executive Director, Department of Education
Marc Sternberg, Deputy Chancellor of Portfolio Planning
Hon. Scott M. Stringer, Manhattan Borough President
Kristen Ellis, Director of Comm. Affairs & Constituent Services, Manhattan Borough
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