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The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

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T. Elzora Cleveland President, CEC District 2 333 Seventh Avenue New York, NY 10001

RE: Parent Participation on re-zoning at Community Education Council District 2 (CECD2)

Dear Ms. Cleveland:

At its Full Board meeting Wednesday, June 16, 2010, Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted the following resolution by a vote of 40 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 1 not voting for cause:

WHEREAS, at present elementary and middle schools on the Upper East Side are overcrowded due to the increased residential development without sufficient planning for additional public school services accompanying the increased growth of families, and

WHEREAS, PS 267 was recently created and will not have a zone but will have a permanent home at 213 East 63^{rd} Street, when PS 59 moves to its permanent facility on East 56th Street between 2^{nd} and 3^{rd} Avenues, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education (DOE) will likely submit re-zoning proposals to the CECD2 for consideration for fall 2011, and

WHEREAS, the rezoning proposals presented for fall 2010 were submitted to the CECD2 in November 2009, and

WHEREAS, the response of the parents to these proposals was overwhelmingly negative, and

WHEREAS, parental involvement and community involvement is essential to the rezoning process,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that in order to facilitate the CECD2 working more closely with the parent representatives of CD8 in the upcoming re-zoning of the CD8 schools, Community Board 8 strongly recommends that the CECD2 Zoning meetings, which focus on CD8 issues should utilize a format in which one representative from each zoned elementary school (a total of 7) and PLUS should be able to participate in an interactive manner.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED Community Board 8 strongly urges CECD2 to modify its rules to allow for the presence of a public member to serve on the Re-zoning Committee, that member to be selected by the parent representatives from CD8 and who will disseminate information to CD8.

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

Sincerely,

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Chair	Co-Chair, Youth and Education Committee

Hon. Michael Bloomberg, Mayor of the City of New York cc: Hon. Dennis M. Walcott, Deputy Mayor for Policy Hon. Joel Klein, Chancellor, Department of Education Hon. Kathleen Grimm, Deputy Chancellor of Finance & Administration Hon. John White, Deputy Chancellor 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 Marc Sternberg, Deputy Chancellor of Portfolio Planning Elizabeth Rose, Office of Portfolio, Department of Education Jenny Sobelman, Office of Public Affairs, Department of Education Anthony Borelli, Director of Land Use, Manhattan Borough President's Office Kristen Ellis, Director of Comm. Affairs & Constituent Services, Manhattan Borough President's Office Daria Rigney, Superintendent Community School District 2