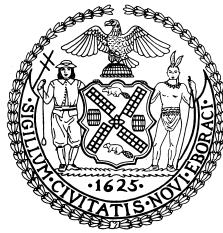


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The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

December 16, 2010

Ms. T. Elzora Cleveland, President
Community Education Council District 2
333 Seventh Avenue
New York, NY 10001

RE: 5-year Capital Plan and need for additional schools in Community District 8

Dear Ms. Cleveland:

At its Land Use/Full Board meeting Wednesday, December 15, 2010, Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted the following resolution by a vote of 41 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions:

WHEREAS, the New York City Department of Education has proposed a new five-year Capital Plan for 2010-2014 that contains only 374 new seats for the Upper East Side in the K-8 grades, which have already been dedicated, and

WHEREAS, the proposed new seats planned for the Upper East Side, will not be large enough for a K-5 school, and

WHEREAS, since 2007, the Kindergarten enrollment at UES public schools has increased 5% (2006-2007), 8% (2007-2008), 6% (2008-2009), 11% (2009-2010) from the previous year, and

WHEREAS, according to the 2009 Blue Book, every UES public school building has exceeded its utilization cap: PS6 (129%), PS59 (133%), PS151 (141%), PS 158 (117%), PS 183 (143%), PS 198 139%), and PS 290 (149%), and

WHEREAS the establishment of PS151 in 2009 and PS 267 in 2010 have not ended overcrowding and waitlists at UES schools, and

WHEREAS zoned enrollment is increasing significantly each year, and

WHEREAS 2,376 new residential units have been built in Community District 8 between 2000-2009, and only two new elementary schools have been opened, and

WHEREAS the Kindergarten students that entered the public school system in 2008, the marker year that indicated the beginning of the increased trend of public school enrollment on the UES, will enter 6th grade in 2014 and middle school seats will need to be ready, and

WHEREAS, capacity planning should be proactive and not reactive,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Community Board 8 requests enough new capacity planning for at least one additional elementary school on the UES; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Community Board 8 requests enough new capacity planning for at least one additional middle school on the UES.

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
Chancellor Joel Klein, NYC Department of Education
Hon. Dennis M. Walcott, Deputy Mayor for Policy
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
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Hon. Jonathan Bing, New York State Assembly Member
Hon. Micah Kellner, New York State Assembly Member
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