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Hon. Erik Bottcher
Council Member
224 W. 30th St, Suite 1206
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Hon. Brad Hoylman-Sigal
NY State Senator
322 8th Ave, Suite 1700
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Hon. Deborah Glick
NY State Assembly Member
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Dear Hon. Bottcher, Hon. Glick and Hon. Hoylman-Sigal:

At its Full Board meeting on November 20, 2025, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

A Resolution to Restore the Performing Arts Program at 75 Morton

1. **Whereas**, [75 Morton](https://www.75morton.org/)¹ is a diverse and inclusive zoned middle school that serves a wide range of learners and is a vital educational institution in our community; and
2. **Whereas**, the school has a demonstrated history of success in preparing students for specialized high schools, including those requiring auditions in the visual and performing arts; and
3. **Whereas**, a dedicated, in-school performing arts program is an essential component of a well-rounded education, fostering creativity, confidence, and collaborative skills in students; and
4. **Whereas**, the loss of a full-time performing arts teacher has created a significant gap in the school's curriculum and diminished a key asset that attracts and nurtures artistically talented students;

¹ <https://www.75morton.org/>

5. **Whereas**, 75 Morton is committed to strengthening its enrollment and community standing, and the revival of its performing arts program is key to enhancing its appeal and competitiveness as a premier middle school option.

Therefore, be it resolved that Community Board 2 strongly supports the parents, faculty, and administration of 75 Morton in their efforts to secure the necessary funding and resources to reinstate a dedicated, curriculum-based performing arts program; and

Be it further resolved that CB2 urges the New York City Department of Education and relevant city officials to partner with 75 Morton to restore this critical program, ensuring every student has access to a comprehensive arts education.

Vote: Unanimous, 38 Board Members in favor.

We respectfully request that your agency take action consistent with the positions expressed in the above.

Sincerely,



Valerie De La Rosa, Chair
Community Board 2 / Manhattan



Patricia Laraia, Chair
Human Services Committee
Community Board 2 / Manhattan

cc:

Hon. Dan Goldman, Congressman
Hon. Brian Kavanagh, NY State Senator, 27th District
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