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Hon. Bill de Blasio
Mayor
City Hall
New York, NY 10007

Carmen Fariña
Chancellor
Department of Education
Tweed Court House
52 Chambers Street
New York, NY 10007

Lorraine Grillo
President/Chief Executive Officer
30-30 Thomson Ave.
Long Island City, NY 11101

Dear Mayor de Blasio, Chancellor Fariña and Ms. Grillo:

At its Full Board meeting November 17, 2016, Community Board #2, adopted the following resolution:

Resolution Requesting Monthly Construction Updates from the NYC School Construction Authority until the 75 Morton Building Opens in September 2018

Whereas:

1. Whereas, Community Board 2 has nurtured and shepherded a new public middle school at 75 Morton Street for ten years, passed 16 resolutions and hosted three rallies and numerous forums and public meetings;
2. Whereas the 75 Morton Task Force, a joint task force of CB 2 and CECD2, advocated opening the 75 Morton school at an incubation site for the 2015-2016 school year and opening the 75 Morton building in September 2016, but was told by the Department of Education that neither was possible;
3. Whereas we reluctantly accepted the Department of Education's promised opening date of September 2017, having been told many times that the School Construction Authority always opens schools on time;
4. Whereas on October 25, 2016, the Department of Education informed us that this multi-year construction project would not be completed by September 2017 as promised, but instead proposed an interim solution, the incubation of MS 297 at the new and nearby Clinton School for the 2017-2018 school year; and,
5. Whereas on November 3, 2016, members of CB 2 and Community Education Council District 2 toured the

construction site and met with School Construction Authority representatives and their contractors.

Therefore be it resolved that Community Board 2 requests that the School Construction Authority provide monthly updates to CB 2 and other interested parties on (1) the recent progress of construction, (2) what is expected in the next month and (3) the updated completion date, in order to assure parents and the community that the 75 Morton building will open in September 2018.

VOTE: Unanimous with 35 Board Members in favor.

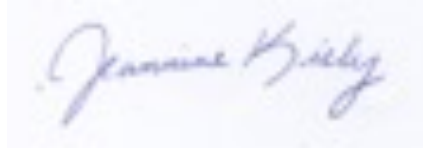
Please advise us of any decision or action taken in response to this resolution.

Sincerely,



Tobi Bergman, Chair
Community Board #2, Manhattan

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Jeannine Kiely, Chair
Schools and Education Committee
Community Board #2, Manhattan

- c: Hon. Jerrold L. Nadler, Congressman
Hon. Deborah Glick, State Assembly Member
Hon. Brad Hoylman, NY State Senator
Hon. Gale Brewer, Manhattan Borough President
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Melanie La Rocca, Executive Director and Chief of Staff, School Construction Authority
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Jackie Getz, New School Leader, MS297 and Principal PS 126/MA