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Ed Pincar  
Manhattan Borough Commissioner  
NYC Department of Transportation  
59 Maiden Lane, 37<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10038

**Re: Open Street for School - West 44<sup>th</sup> Street**

Dear Commissioner Pincar,

Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4) at its November 3<sup>rd</sup> Full Board meeting by a vote of 43 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, and 0 present but not eligible to vote, supports the application by Beacon School to open to students West 44<sup>th</sup> Street between Tenth and Eleventh Avenues every weekday during the hours of 10:30am to 3:00pm.

Beacon School has been assigned a cohort of students that exceeds its capacity. The Open Street will allow it to expand its cafeteria space by setting up picnic tables in the street.

P.S. 51, located on the same block, is in support as well. Both schools' students will benefit from a safer environment at dismissal time.

The schools and the PTA have done outreach and garnered support from neighboring residents and businesses.

Sincerely,

Lowell D. Kern  
Chair  
Manhattan Community Board 4

Christine Berthet  
Co-chair  
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Dale Corvino  
Co-chair  
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cc: West 44<sup>th</sup> Street Block Associations  
Brady Smith, Principal, Beacon School  
Stephanie Lukas, Principal, P.S. 51 The Elias Howe School