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Margaret Forgione
Manhattan Borough Commissioner
New York City Department of Transportation
40 Worth Street
New York, New York 10013

Re: Parking Regulation Change at 440 W. 53rd Street, (south side)

Dear Commissioner Forgione:

Manhattan Community Board 4 supports the proposal from PS 111, the Adolph S. Ochs School, to revise the parking signs in front of that school at 440 West 53rd Street from Not Standing, M-F except Department of Education staff 8am to 5pm” to “No Standing, M-F Except Department of Education staff 7am to 3pm.”

Though school starts after 8:00 a.m. most school staff arrives earlier. Most recently, the approximately eight (8) parking spaces (for the approximately 62 staff) in front of the school have been used by construction crew for the site across the street before the teachers arrive. Since enforcement typically allows these vehicles time to move, most of the spaces are still occupied when the teachers arrive.

We should mention, given our Community Board preference for those working in the community board area to use mass transit, we are pleased that the principal only provides parking passes to employees who do not live in the city or near mass transit. We also note that, in return for the recommendation to move up the start time for school staff restricted parking, the school management agreed to recommend moving up to 3:00 p.m. (from 4:00 p.m.) the hour that parking restrictions end, enabling better enabling area residents to utilize those parking spaces during the evening.

As always, we appreciate your consideration and assistance in meeting the myriad of parking regulation needs in our neighborhood.

Sincerely yours,

Corey Johnson
Chair
Manhattan Community Board 4

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cc: PS 111