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Christine C. Quinn  
Speaker  
New York City Council  
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New York, New York 10007

Lorraine Grillo SCA  
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**Re: P.S 51 Construction**

Dear Speaker Quinn and President Grillo:

The Housing, Health and Human Service Committee of Manhattan Community Board 4 held a meeting with parents and representatives of P.S. 51 at its monthly meeting on April 21, 2011 to continue discussion of their concerns regarding the school construction.

The purpose of this letter is to request<sup>1</sup> that a meeting of the Steering Committee/Construction Task Force be held as soon as possible with a wider representation of parents by inviting the PTA and the parent group Fight for 51 to discuss the construction. The best time for this meeting would be one week after the start of foundation excavation. The parents have described increasing disruptions during demolition and they are urging the DOE and the City to postpone construction until the school's summer recess.

Thank you for your continued attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

John Weis  
Chair

cc: Kenrick Ou, SCA  
D. Walcott, Chancellor  
Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer  
Clinton Block Associations  
The Gotham Organization (Melissa Pianko)  
P.S.51 Nancy Sing-Bock,  
P.S.51 Parent Teacher Association, President - Katherine Consuelo Johnson  
Fight for 51  
NYC DOE Micah Lasher

<sup>1</sup> This approval is subject to ratification by the Full Board on May 4th, 2011.