

Health & Environment Committee

Resolution in support of funding for the School-Based Health Center
operated by NY-Presbyterian Hospital at the Percy Sutton Educational Campus
May 2, 2013

WHEREAS: Washington Heights-Inwood has significant and ongoing health care needs, and New York-Presbyterian Hospital (NYPH) has provided medical, mental health and health education services through its four School-Based Health Centers in this community and three others in Central Harlem for over 25 years; and

WHEREAS: The Mayor's proposed FY 2014 budget would eliminate \$775,000 for four centers in different boroughs that have been funded by the city since 1989, including one operated by NYPH at the Percy Sutton Educational Campus on Edgecombe Avenue and West 135th Street; and

WHEREAS: This building houses three different schools with 1,054 students, including 276 students from West Harlem and Washington Heights-Inwood, 224 of whom have been enrolled in the center by their parents, and 140 of them utilized the center during this school year; and

WHEREAS: The School-Based Health Centers, at an approximate cost of \$200,000 each, provide a full range of services, including first aid, treatment of acute illness, immunizations, asthma treatment, management of chronic diseases (such as diabetes or sickle cell anemia), sports physicals, working papers, STI/HIV counseling, testing and treatment, reproductive health education and mental health care; and

WHEREAS: High schools without a School-Based Health Center are required to have at least one registered nurse, who provides only a portion of these services, and these basic services would still cost \$100,000-\$200,000 per year; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: Community Board 12-Manhattan urges our City Council Members to restore the proposed budget cut and maintain the current funding level for the School-Based Health Center operated by New York-Presbyterian Hospital at the Percy Sutton Educational Campus.

The above resolution was approved by the following vote:

Committee Members	4-0-0-0
Other Community Board Members	1-0-0-1