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October 22, 2018

Lorraine Grillo
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Dear President Grillo:

At its Full Board meeting October 18, 2018, Community Board #2, adopted the following resolution:

Resolution in Support of Millennium High School Expansion to 14th Floor

Whereas:

1. Millennium High school was founded just after 9/11 as a much-needed high school in Lower Manhattan, with a priority admissions for students attending middle school or living below Houston Street;
2. 26% of CB 2 residents live below Houston Street, based on population data from the 2010 Census and 2016 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates;
3. Millennium High School has since developed into one of the most sought-after high schools in the City, one with remarkable racial and economic diversity, drawing over 6,000 applications for an average of 175 spots, depending on the number of sections admitted;
4. Several years ago, Millennium requested to expand into 26 Broadway and was denied in favor of placing the overcrowded upper east side school, Richard Greene High School in the space instead, against the wishes of downtown families and students;
5. Millennium continued to grow more popular, which has contributed to a sharp rise in the general education offer vs. acceptance rate over the past several years:
 - a. In 2016 it was 44%, in 2017, it was 46%, and in 2018 it was 55%, making it impossible for the administration to properly gauge the amount of offers to make; and
 - b. Therefore, the 2018- 2019 freshman class is over 210 students, causing class sizes to be at 35-37, putting them out of compliance with UFT class size limit of 34;
6. The per pupil funding formula and the DOE policy to only fund students registered at the end of October (not those who accept) creates considerable financial risk to the school for under-offering, (i.e. the DOE only pays for students who are still in the school in October, not those who accept);

7. The school has capacity for 525 students, but it presently has over 700 students enrolled on the 11th through 13th floor of an office building, which creates serious safety concerns and makes fire drill staging especially dangerous;
8. It now takes a full 30 minutes for students to arrive and dismiss, given that only 10 students can fit in an elevator at a time, and only three elevators presently serve the school;
9. The 14th Floor has recently become available for lease, giving the City the important opportunity to relieve both the severe overcrowding, as well as, the serious safety concerns Millennium is presently experiencing; and,
10. Millennium could instantly and immediately use the additional classroom space and additional programming space this expansion could afford.

Therefore be it resolved that CB2, Manhattan strongly requests that the DOE/SCA lease the 14th floor for Millennium High School, to reduce the 133% overcrowding and safety concerns; add gymnasium space; and, immediately begin build out, in consult with the school administration, and,

Be it further resolved that at least one, but preferably two additional elevators, dedicated for the school, is made available along with the expansion.

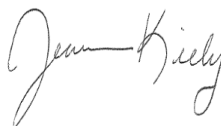
VOTE: Unanimous, with 42 Board Members in favor.

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

Sincerely,



Terri Cude, Chair
Community Board #2, Manhattan



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

TC/RG

- c:
- Hon. Brian Kavanagh, NYS Senator
 - Hon. Yuh-Line Niou, NYS Assembly Member
 - Hon. Scott Stringer, NYC Comptroller
 - Hon. Letitia James, NYC Public Advocate
 - Hon. Gale Brewer, Man. Borough President
 - Hon. Corey Johnson, NYC Council Speaker
 - Hon. Margaret Chin, NYC Council Member
 - Richard Carranza, Chancellor, NYC Department of Education
 - Robin Broshi, President, Community Education Council District 2
 - Michael Mirasola, NYC School Construction Authority
 - Tricia Joyce, Manhattan Community Board 1
 - Colin McEvoy, Principal, Millennium High School

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October 24, 2018

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Hon. Corey Johnson, Speaker
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Hon. Mark Treyger
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Dear Chancellor Carranza, Speaker Johnson, Council Member Chin, and Council Member Treyger:

At its Full Board meeting October 18, 2018, Community Board #2, adopted the following resolution:

**Resolution in Support of Technology Funding For
MS 297, P751, PS 3, PS 130, City-As-School High School and Broome Street Academy –
A Critical Equity Issue**

Whereas:

1. In the [NYC Department of Education's 2015-2020 Technology Plan](#), the DOE strategic priorities are to integrate technology into instruction, invest in infrastructure and devices and focus on the user;
2. At the individual school level, this requires funding to:
 - a. Increase access to Science, Technology, Engineering, Math (STEM) and computer science education for every New York City public school student,
 - b. Increase professional learning and collaboration opportunities for New York City educators and other school staff,
 - c. Provide more and better access to digital instructional materials for students with disabilities and English Language Learners,
 - d. Promote good digital citizenship and thoughtful use of social media among students and staff,
 - e. Bring next-generation broadband and wireless technologies to school buildings, and
 - f. Increase the number of computing and web-enabled devices available to students;
3. Whereas, educators and parents at MS 297, P751, PS 3, PS 130, City-As-School High School and Broome Street Academy have identified specific technology needs and seek funding to:

- a. Increase bandwidth to support the effective use of instructional technology, so that students and teachers no longer experience poor connectivity and long stretches of buffering, and
 - b. Upgrade and expand technology labs and/or carts with new computers, tablets and printers;
4. Whereas Broome Street Academy, a stand alone charter school, which is affiliated with The Door, a long-standing and highly respected social services provider in CB 2, does not co-locate or compete with any local schools for students; BSA is a unique charter school which serves foster care students, ACS involved, and students in temporary and/or transitional housing;
 5. Whereas, in May 2017, NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer's released an Audit Report on the [Department of Education's Implementation of High Speed Internet Connectivity in New York City Public Middle Schools](#), finding that while every NYC public middle school had fiber optic connections to support high speed internet, there were not adequate controls or oversight in place to ensure that the implementation of high speed internet connectivity was completed on schedule or within budget;
 6. In its written audit response, the DOE acknowledged that the "demand for bandwidth continues to exceed supply" and that the Division of Instructional Information Technology (DIIT) has created a dedicated Enterprise Project Management Office (EMPO) and EMPO Portfolio Managers are chartered with ensuring that projects follow new, standards-based policies and procedures.
 7. Whereas access to technology for all students is a critical equity issue and, as part of the Mayor and DOE's [Equity and Excellence for All](#) initiative, requires investment in technology resources so that no child is left without access to technology, whether it be a Title I school, like Broome Street Academy where 40% of students have no technology at home, or MS 297 where 30% of students are economically disadvantaged or a neighborhood school like PS 3 where 21% of the students are economically disadvantaged.

Therefore be it resolved that CB2 supports additional funding for technology for MS 297, P751, PS 3, PS 130, City-As-School High School and Broome Street Academy to ensure that all children have access to technology, a critical equity issue in education;

Be it further resolved CB 2 urges the DOE and its EMPO Portfolio Managers in the Division of Instructional Technology to work closely with each school's principal and technology team to ensure that funded technology improvements meet each school's instructional needs.

VOTE: Unanimous, with 42 Board Members in favor.

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

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