

Terri Cude, *Chair*
Daniel Miller, *First Vice Chair*
Susan Kent, *Second Vice Chair*
Bob Gormley, *District Manager*



Antony Wong, *Treasurer*
Keen Berger, *Secretary*
Erik Coler, *Assistant Secretary*

COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 2, MANHATTAN

3 WASHINGTON SQUARE VILLAGE
NEW YORK, NY 10012-1899

www.cb2manhattan.org

P: 212-979-2272 F: 212-254-5102 E: info@cb2manhattan.org

Greenwich Village ✦ Little Italy ✦ SoHo ✦ NoHo ✦ Hudson Square ✦ Chinatown ✦ Gansevoort Market

December 22, 2016

Carmen Fariña
Chancellor
Department of Education
52 Chambers Street
New York, NY 10007

Vanessa Leung
Chair
Panel for Educational Policy
52 Chambers Street
New York, NY 10007

Dear Chancellor Fariña and Chair Leung,

Community Board #2 supports the temporary co-location of M.S. 297 with M.S. 260 Clinton School for Writers & Artists in building M868 for the 2017-2018 school year.

In October, the Department of Education announced, “the new school building being constructed at 75 Morton Street in Manhattan is now anticipated to open for the 2018-19 school year. Contractors are working diligently to complete the project, but due to unforeseen structural steel conditions that could present significant safety concerns, the opening is being pushed back.” Instead, the DOE proposed the incubation of M.S. 297 at the Clinton School for the 2017-18 school year until construction of the school’s permanent space at 75 Morton Street is completed.

On November 15, 2016, The Schools and Education Committee of Community Board #2 met at the Clinton School for Writers and Artists for an introduction to M.S. 297. Nearly 300 parents and children from throughout District 2 attended this meeting to hear from the new M.S. 297 principal, District 2 leadership and representatives from the DOE. While CB 2, parents and students are disappointed that 75 Morton will not open in time, there was enthusiasm for the DOE proposed solution, the temporary co-location of the school at Clinton and, most importantly, the vision, plans and aspirations for the new middle school, M.S. 297.

We hope that the Panel for Educational Policy will approve the temporary co-location for M.S. 297 when it votes on January 18, 2017.

Vote: Passed, with 34 Board Members in favor.

Sincerely,

Terri Cude
Chair
Community Board #2, Manhattan

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

c: Hon. Jerrold L. Nadler, Congressman
Hon. Deborah Glick, State Assembly Member
Hon. Brad Hoylman, NY State Senator
Hon. Gale Brewer, Manhattan Borough President
Hon. Corey Johnson, Council Member
Shino Tanikawa, President, CECD2
Bonnie Laboy, Superintendent, CECD2