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Dear Mayor Blasio, Commissioner Chong, Speaker Johnson, Councilman Treyger and Chancellor Carranza:

At its Full Board meeting June 20, 2019, Community Board #2, unanimously adopted a resolution in support of funding after school programs at MS 297 at 75 Morton. This is CB 2's fourth resolution on this topic and its second this year. The past and current resolutions are:

- March 2019, Resolution in Support of Additional Funding For On-Site After School Programs at MS 297 75 Morton -- A New School with a Four-Year Enrollment Phase-In
- May 2018, Resolution in Support of Additional Funding For On-Site After School Programs at MS 297 75 Morton -- A New School with a Four-Year Enrollment Phase-In
- March 2017, Resolution in Support of Funding After School Programming for MS 297

Resolution in Support of Funding 125 On-Site After School Seats at 75 Morton A Critical Equity Issue Within District 2 and Within 75 Morton

Whereas:

1. Our elected officials, the Department of Education and community-based education advocates have worked hard to ensure that MS 297 75 Morton (75 Morton) opened its doors to serve the needs of a diverse student body and that it lives up to the standards of the best schools in District;
2. Community Board 2 consistently advocated for a 600-seat middle school, not 900, and the Department of Education replied that the educational needs of District 2 required 900 seats, but also that the DOE

would provide additional support, not reduced support, to compensate for the overfull school size;

3. Our community thanks the city for funding after school programs at 75 Morton for the past two years, but with enrollment expected to grow by more than 330 students to 900 students, ***75 Morton needs an additional 125 after school seats for the 2019-2020 school year;***
4. Funding additional after school seats at 75 Morton seats is critical for ***Equity in After School*** within District 2 and within 75 Morton, particularly for working families that rely on free after school programs;
 - a. Within District 2, one in eight 6th grade student attend 75 Morton;
 - b. District 2 students choose from 22 middle schools, almost all of which will provide a substantially higher ratio of funded after school seats per student, unless more seats are funded at 75 Morton;
 - i. Currently, 75 Morton receives funding for 200 after school seats for 561 students in 6th and 7th grade, a ratio of one seat for every 2.8 students;
 - ii. Without additional funding, this ratio will drop to one seat for every 4.5 students in Fall 2019 with projected enrollment of 900 and one seat for every 5 students in Fall 2020 with projected enrollment of 1,000, well below the District 2 average of one seat for every 2.6 students¹;
 - c. Within 75 Morton, without sufficient funding for after school programs, families with greater resources may choose private after school options, creating a two-tiered after school system; and,
5. The middle school years are crucial for the identity of the student, as either someone who will aim for higher education or someone who finds school irrelevant, and after school program provide opportunities for all students to shine regardless of academic ability and can help propel students forward on the path to educational success in high school and college;
6. As a new middle school, 75 Morton has a four-year enrollment phase-in and will require additional DYCD funding for after school seats for the 2020-201 school year if enrollment exceeds more than 900 students; and,
7. Whereas Community Board 2 consistently advocated for a 600-seat middle school, not 900, and the Department of Education replied that educational needs of District 2 required 900 seats, but also that the DOE would provide addition supports, not reduced supports, to compensate for the overfull school.

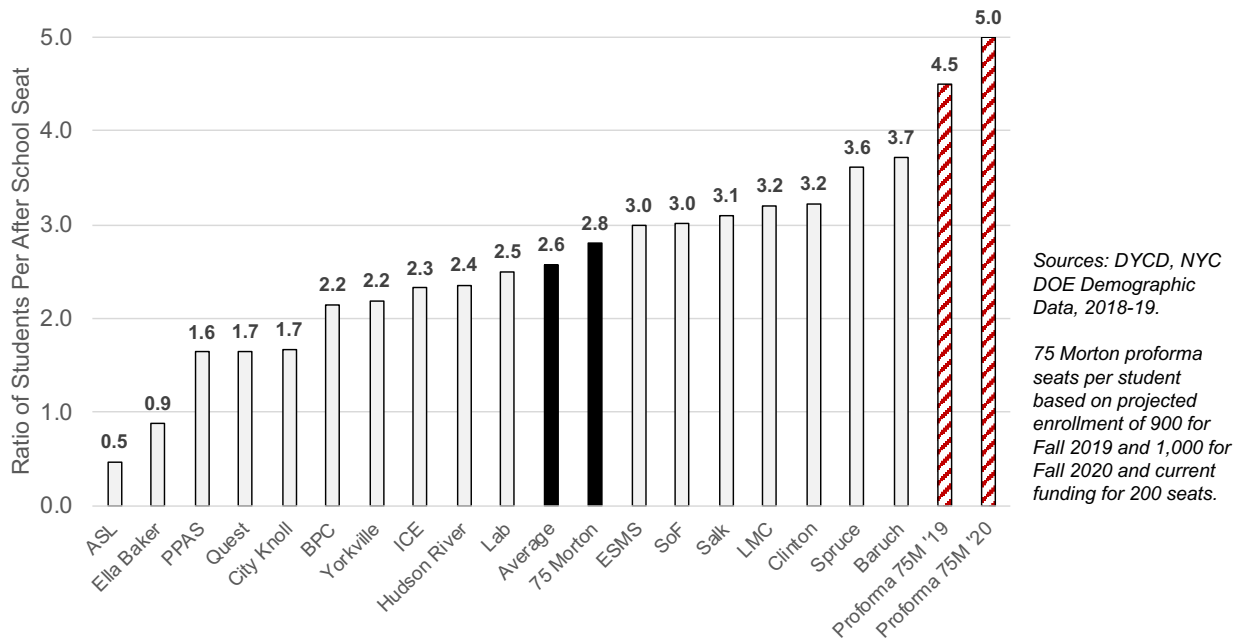
Therefore be it resolved that Community Board 2, Manhattan (CB 2) urges the Mayor, the Chancellor and our City Council to allocate funding in the FY 2020 budget for an additional 125 after school seats at 75 Morton through the Department of Youth and Community Development's School's Out New York City program;

Be it further resolved that CB 2 urges the Mayor, the Chancellor, our City Council and DYCD to plan for the future funding of additional SONYC seats for 75 Morton in FY 2021, as enrollment expands beyond 900 students; and,

Be it further resolved that CB 2 urges the Mayor, our City Council and the Department of Education to recognize and fund the needs of new schools during their entire enrollment phase-in.

VOTE: Unanimous, with 39 Board Members in favor.

75 Morton: Equity in After School
Without Additional Funding Now, 75 Morton Will Have 4.5 After School Seats Per Student Next Fall, Significantly Below the District 2 Average of 2.6



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

Sincerely,

Carter Booth, Chair
 Community Board #2, Manhattan

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

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- c: Hon. Jerrold Nadler, Congressman
- Hon. Brian Kavanagh, NYS Senator
- Hon. Brad Hoylman, NYS Senator
- Hon. Deborah J. Glick, NYS Assembly Member
- Hon. Yuh-Line Niou, NYS Assembly Member
- Hon. Scott M. Stringer, NYC Comptroller
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- Hon. Gale Brewer, Manhattan Borough President
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- Donalda Chumney, Superintendent, District 2, NYC DOE
- Jennifer Greenblatt, District 2 Family Advocate
- Robin Broshi, President, Community Education Council District 2
- Jackui Getz, Principal, MS 297