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Alicia Hurley,  
Vice President  
Government Affairs & Civic Engagement  
New York University  
70 Washington Square South  
New York, NY 10012

Dear Ms. Hurley

At its Full Board meeting on May 19, 2011, Community Board #2, Manhattan adopted the following resolution:

### **Resolution in Support of Educational Needs Assessment as Capstone project**

Whereas Community Board 2 Manhattan has recognized school overcrowding as one of the most critical issues facing our neighborhood, and has committed itself to seeking solutions to this problem, and

Whereas numerous public hearings and committee meetings, which have been held to explore this problem, have resulted in overwhelming agreement about the qualitative nature of the problem, but have only delivered unsubstantiated quantitative statistics to delineate the extent of the problem, and

Whereas the Mayor and The Department of Education are more persuaded by the proofs of numbers and measurements than by righteous arguments, and

Whereas CB2 Manhattan does not have the resources that would be necessary to conduct the extensive research needed to uncover the accurate statistics that would prove that we need more schools in our district in order to relieve school overcrowding, and

Whereas there are already several "proposed" new school locations in our district, whose completion can only be assured if the Mayor, D.O.E., and their individual sponsors deem them worthy and necessary. Including a school on property donated by NYU within its core, a school on the site of the Foundling Hospital in space made possible by the Rudin Corporation, a school on Canal Street to be donated by Trinity Real Estate, as well as a Middle School which the community would like to see developed at 75 Morton Street by D.O.E., and

Whereas The NYU Wagner Graduate School of Public Service contains a very practical program named CAPSTONE, which can provide graduate students to agencies that are nonprofit, governmental, health-related, urban planning, and/or international (such as Community Board 2) for the purpose of addressing complex challenges and identifying new opportunities,

**Therefore Be It Resolved** that Community Board 2 Manhattan shall submit a proposal to the NYU Wagner Graduate School of Public Service for the purpose of requesting that a team of graduate students be assigned to our Board in order to conduct statistical research that would measure our neighborhood's current and projected educational needs.

Vote: Unanimous, with 38 Board members in favor.

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

Sincerely,



Jo Hamilton, Chair  
Community Board #2, Manhattan



Keen Berger, Chair  
Social Services & Education Committee  
Community Board #2, Manhattan

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