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The Honorable Christine Quinn
Speaker, New York City Council
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Dear Speaker Quinn:

As part of the Hudson Square Rezoning, the Rector, Church-Wardens and Vestrymen of Trinity (Trinity), have committed to providing a new 444-seat school within a new building to be developed on Trinity's property fronting on Duarte Square Park. The core and shell of the school is being provided by Trinity at its own cost and expense. This commitment is set forth in an April 23, 2012 Letter of Intent between Trinity and the School Construction Authority (SCA), which includes the SCA's specifications for the new school. As part of the public review process, Trinity heard various requests for additional recreation space. To that end, Trinity has worked with the SCA to seek an increase in available space beyond SCA's specifications

As a result, the Department of Education (DOE) is expected to have the option to complete the construction of a new elementary school with expanded recreation facilities in the base of the "Duarte Square" site, bounded by Grand Street, Avenue of the Americas, Varick Street, and Canal Street. This proposed school, of approximately 444 seats, will serve the new residential units that will result from this land use action as well as adjacent neighborhoods.

Should DOE exercise its option to build the school and additional recreation space, DOE agrees to consult with Community Board 2 and the local councilmember six months prior to the planned opening of the space to discuss ways to ensure local not-for-profit groups and organizations are able to access the space during non-school hours at their own cost and expense.

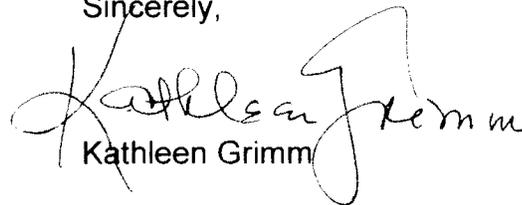
The spaces the DOE has identified are as follows:

- a double-height, approximately 6,300 square foot gym space that will accommodate a regulation-sized basketball court, with separate street entrance on Varick Street for direct public access

- an approximately 3,500 square foot multipurpose assembly space, which is accessible via the Varick Street entrance
- an approximately 2,100 square foot additional multipurpose space, which is accessible via the Varick Street entrance

We look forward to serving the children of this community with this new school, and are happy this school will also provide additional recreational opportunities for the broader community.

Sincerely,



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