

Resolution To Protect The Health and Safety of School Children at P.S. 110

WHEREAS P.S. 110 (a.k.a. the Florence Nightingale School) is a pre-kindergarten through fifth grade public school located at 285 Delancey Street, New York, New York 10002;

WHEREAS P.S. 110 is bordered on its north by Delancey Street between Cannon and Lewis Streets, on its east by Lewis Street between Delancey and Broome Streets, on its south by Broome Street between Cannon and Lewis Streets (“Broome Street-East Segment”), and on its west by Cannon Street between Broome and Delancey Streets (“Cannon Street”);

WHEREAS the Broome Street-East Segment, Cannon Street and Broome Street between Columbia and Cannon Streets (“Broome Street-West Segment”) (collectively, the “Service Roads”) are small, semi-private, one-way service roads, with very narrow sidewalks, whose roadways are frequently used by school children walking to and from P.S. 110;

WHEREAS the only vehicular uses for the Service Roads are (1) accessing the unrestricted nine parking spaces on Cannon Street and ten parking spaces on the Broome Street-East Segment, (2) dropping students off directly in front of P.S. 110’s Cannon Street entrance in inclement weather (an unnecessary risk given that students may be dropped off approximately fifty feet from the Cannon Street entrance, at the corner of Cannon and Delancey Streets, where P.S. 110’s school busses drop off students), and (3) for Hillman Properties to access a garbage collection bin located at the far north-western section of the Broome Street-West Segment;

WHEREAS there is ample parking available all around P.S. 110 on Columbia, Delancey and Lewis Streets, including a substantial volume of angled parking along Delancey Street and a public parking garage on the corner of Delancey Street and Columbia Street;

WHEREAS the only building with an active entrance on any portion of the Service Roads is P.S. 110;

WHEREAS, in recognition of the risk cars present to students, Hillman Properties has placed speed bumps all along the service roads, but permanently removes the speed bumps for much of the school year to allow for snow plowing;

WHEREAS there have been numerous cases in recent years where students have nearly been struck by cars driving on the Service Roads, especially students running along the roadways of the Broome Street-East Segment and Broome Street-West Segment and then turning on to Cannon Street;

WHEREAS, given that the Service Roads are of limited use to vehicles and, consequently, have very limited vehicular traffic, and given the high risk such limited vehicular traffic creates (the limited use, which leads children to assume no cars will be driving on the roadways, likely heightens the risk), it is inconsistent with the principles of the Mayor’s Vision Zero plan for the

City to wait until a child is injured or killed before enacting safety measures to protect the primary users of the Service Roads: pedestrian school children;

WHEREAS P.S. 110's operates from Monday through Friday during the school year, with students arriving as early as 7:30 a.m. for free breakfast and leaving as late as 5:45 following after-school; and

WHEREAS 202 persons signed a petition calling upon CB3 to support, and DOT to implement, safety measures on the Service Roads including "turning one or more of the identified local service roads near P.S. 110 into pedestrian plazas, banning car traffic from the service roads on weekdays from the time students begin arriving at school until they finish departing from after-school, and eliminating weekday parking on the service roads."

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Manhattan Community Board #3 calls upon DOT to study the use of the Service Roads by cars and pedestrians, especially school children, and to swiftly implement any and all appropriate safety measures that will help protect the health and safety of P.S. 110's young students before a tragedy occurs.