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Barry Gendelman
Assistant Commissioner
Department of Citywide Administrative Services
Division of Real Estate services
1 Center Street Room 2017
New York, NY 10007

Re: Proper ventilation of Shamrock Stables, 520 West 45th Street

Dear Mr. Gendelman:

Manhattan Community Board No. 4 appreciates the interest that you have shown in assisting PS 51 in mitigating the affects on students and staff of having the Shamrock Stables next door. We also appreciate the hard work that Ian McKeever of the Shamrock Stables and Nancy Sing Bok, PS 51 School Principal, have put into negotiating feasible improvements. Attached is a copy of the agreement, signed by Ian and Nancy, regarding improvements to be made at the Stable.

As you are aware, one of the important improvements will be the increased utilization of the ventilation system for up to 6 hours/day. However, this requires duct work to move filtered air from the stable roof to above the roof line of the school. We would like to ask your office to take leadership, working with Shamrock Stables, in ensuring that this improvement is made.

PS 51 is one of the highest performing elementary schools in the city. It a source of substantial neighborhood pride. As you know, the current conditions have caused illness and allergies, such as hay fever, among the children, and horrendous smells throughout the school building, particularly in the spring and (for the staff present) the summer. Improvement of this situation is important and we are relying on your continued involvement and assistance to ensure that occurs.

Once again, thank you for your interest and involvement.

Sincerely,

Walter Mankoff
Chair
Manhattan Community Board No. 4

Jay Marcus
Chair
Transportation Planning Committee

Enc.
Cc: Ian McKeever
Nancy Sing-Bock

