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Dear Chancellor Walcott and Deputy Chancellor Grimm:

I write to follow up on the status of the Educational Construction Fund (ECF) review of the Request For Expressions of Interest (RFEI) issued for PS 191, located at 210 West 61 Street, New York, NY 10023, and PS 199, located at 270 West 70 Street, New York, NY 10023, both of which are in my Council district.

In a February 2013 conversation between my staff and Jamie Smarr, the then ECF Executive Director, and a subsequent meeting hosted by Manhattan Borough President Stringer in March, my office was told that in June 2013 the schools and community would be engaged in reviewing any proposals the ECF staff identified as feasible. Has ECF staff determined that any of the proposals are in fact feasible? If so, as it is now June 10, 2013, when do you anticipate presenting these proposals to the community for review?

As you know, the last day of school for students is June 26, 2013. In order for ECF to successfully engage with the community, briefings presenting any feasible proposals must take place before this date. During the summer, students and their families are away as are other community stakeholders, and they may be unable to fully participate in discussing proposals. Please take this into account when scheduling the meetings so that the community has the opportunity to engage in a meaningful and transparent process before any decision is rendered.

I look forward to your response. If you have any questions, contact me or Shula Warren of my office at (212) 788-6975.

Sincerely,


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cc: Jennifer Maldonado, Executive Director, Education Construction Fund

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