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Dear Neighbor:

As you are likely aware, the Department of Education (DOE) in conjunction with the Education Construction Fund (ECF) published a request for expressions of interest to redevelop a parcel of land currently occupied by a public school. They identified three schools as potential redevelopment sites: P.S. 191 located at 210 West 61st Street, P.S. 199 located at 270 West 70th Street, and the School of Cooperative Technical Education located at 321 East 96th Street.

Today DOE and ECF announced that they have chosen to move forward with the redevelopment of the School of Cooperative Technical Education (SCTE) on the Upper East Side. We have been informed that PS 191 and PS 199 are not being considered for redevelopment at this time.

Over the past several months communities have come together across the East and West Sides to discuss the potential impacts of any redevelopment. Many of you have expressed concern about how this plan could disrupt the education of our children, add to already densely populated areas, and wipe out millions of dollars in investments made to these schools over the past few years.

As the SCTE community begins to assess their response to this plan I hope they can continue to count on their West Side neighbors to support them.

I want to acknowledge the hard work of the PS 191 and PS 199 parent associations, teachers, administrators, and neighbors for working tirelessly to keep their communities informed and organized throughout this process.

I also want to extend thanks to Congressman Jerrold Nadler, State Senator Brad M. Hoylman, State Senator Adriano Espaillat, State Senator José M. Serrano, Assemblymember Linda B. Rosenthal, and Councilmember Gale A. Brewer for their continued advocacy.

Sincerely,

Scott M. Stringer
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