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BOROUGH PRESIDENT

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Mr. Noah E. Gotbaum
President
Community District Education Council 3
154 West 93rd Street, Room 204
New York, NY 10025

Dear Mr. Gotbaum:

Thank you for writing to our offices regarding the concerns of District 3 (D3) parents, elected members of Community Education Council 3 (CEC3), and members of the CEC 3 Overcrowding and Space Utilization Committee on the overcrowding issues facing schools across the district.

We have received the New York City Department of Education (DOE) Office of Portfolio Planning's October 19th data showing that nine D3 schools are currently over-utilized by as much as 21 percent. Further, we understand that the loss of cluster rooms and other vital spaces not quantified by the Department of Education is detrimental to the education of our students. Despite measures taken last year by the DOE, overcrowding and space utilization constraints at D3 schools persist and will worsen if long range solutions are not found.

In response to your request, the Manhattan Borough President's office will be convening the first in a series of D3 War Room meetings on Wednesday, November 18th, to address school overcrowding caused by population growth in the southern areas of the district. A second meeting to discuss space utilization constraints faced by schools in the northern areas of the district has been scheduled for Wednesday, December 2nd. Our offices look forward to working with CEC3 members, Community Board members, parent representatives, and the DOE in identifying potential solutions for the overcrowding and space utilization concerns in schools across the district.

Thank you again for writing to our offices, and please feel free to contact Corey Peterson in the Manhattan Borough President's office at (212) 669-4546 or via e-mail at cpeterson@manhattanbp.org with any questions or concerns.

Very truly yours,

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