



May 9, 2018

Dear Wadleigh Family Members,

After hearing feedback directly from Wadleigh parents, community members, and Harlem leaders, and asking tough questions of my staff here at the Department of Education, I removed the proposal to truncate Wadleigh.

However, we must continue to work together to improve the current academic performance in the middle school grades at Wadleigh. The Department of Education will work with the Wadleigh community to develop an alternative plan that will ensure a strong middle school for students at the Wadleigh campus.

State Senator Brian Benjamin raised the idea of having Wadleigh's middle school grades working closely with FDA II middle school grades. This concept will leverage the strengths of Wadleigh's arts alongside FDA II's strength in academics. We think there is enormous potential that will help us ensure we are both serving Wadleigh and FDA II's middle school students.

We will be scheduling community meetings in the coming weeks to work together in mapping out the road ahead for Wadleigh. I need and am asking for your commitment to work together with me to build a strong middle school in this historic building.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Carranza', written in a cursive style.

Richard Carranza

NYC Schools Chancellor