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Hon. Michael Bloomberg Mayor City Hall New York, NY 10007

And

Chancellor Joel Klein Tweed Courthouse 52 Chambers Street New York, NY 10007

Dear Mayor Bloomberg and Chancellor Klein:

We are writing to express our strong concern about the conversion and proposals that have been announced regarding the following schools in Queens: Jamaica High School (28Q470); Business Computer Applications, and Entrepreneurship High School (29Q496) and; Beach Channel High School (27Q410). The procedure employed by the officials at the New York City Department of Education regarding the aforementioned school closures has negatively impacted the students, parents, faculty and community.

The complaints from all interested parties from our community are overwhelming and warrant careful review. Therefore, we urge you to instruct The Panel for Educational Policy to postpone the scheduled vote tomorrow regarding the Queens Schools. We would welcome an opportunity to meet with you so we can review this matter appropriately.

Please contact our offices so we can work in a cohesive manner to ensure the best decision for our students in Southeast, Queens.

Sincerely,

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