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Columbia University
311 Low Library
535 West 116th Street
New York, New York 10027

Re: 614-626 West 125th Street, New York

Dear

The Department of Education and School Construction Authority conducted an evaluation of the property that Columbia University had offered to provide for construction of a new public school facility for the Columbia Secondary School at the southwest corner of West 125th Street and Broadway. After careful review of that site and in light of capital funding limitations, the Department of Education has decided not to proceed with construction of a new public school building at that location, and will instead undertake upgrades to Columbia Secondary School's current location (425 West 123rd Street) for the school's long-term occupancy.

As you are aware, the Department of Education has committed significant capital funding from its Charter/Partnership allocation to our partnership with Columbia University. Since we are not moving forward with construction of a new school building on Columbia's property, capital funds will instead be utilized for the upgrades at 425 West 123rd Street and also for renovations at the long-term location for the new Teachers College Community School at 168 Morningside Avenue.

Thank you for the University's consideration and support for the Columbia Secondary School and the new Teachers College Community School. We look forward to continuing our partnership with the University to the benefit of these schools and the communities they serve.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Grimm

cc: Lorraine Grillo
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