

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT – Save 199; Relocate Center School

To show our community's support for our neighborhood children, we need to support the Relocation of Center School. It is imperative that we contact the Department of Education (DOE), our elected officials and community representatives. Therefore, please send emails and letters, and call the following officials and representatives.

Elected Officials and Community Leaders

- **John White, DOE Office of Portfolio Development:** JWhite8@schools.nyc.gov
- **Joel Klein, NYC Schools Chancellor:** jklein@schools.nyc.gov
- **CEC - Community Education Council, District 3:** D3Rezoning@yahoo.com, 212-678-2782
- **Scott Stringer, Manhattan Borough President:** BP@manhattanbp.org, 212-669-8300
- **Gale Brewer, Council member:** brewer@council.nyc.ny.us, 212-873-0282
- **Linda Rosenthal, 67th Assembly, Assembly member:** RosentL@assembly.state.ny.us
- **Mayor Bloomberg:** mbloomberg@cityhall.nyc.gov AND mike@cityhall.nyc.gov
- **Tom Duane, New York State Senator:** duane@senate.state.ny.us, 212-633-8052
- **Helen Rosenthal, Chairperson, Community Board 7:** office@cb7.org, 212-362-4008
- **DOE Portfolio Department** Portfolio@schools.nyc.gov
- **Rob Willison, Education Director for Gale Brewer:** robwillison@gmail.com
- **PS 199 PAC:** ps199.pac@gmail.com

Media & Press that Cover NYC Education

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- Sarah Seltzer, West Side Spirit sarah.seltzer@gmail.com
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SAMPLE LETTER to Elected Officials and Community Councils

Here is a sample letter. The key points are in the sample, but please customize your letter, depending on whether you are a parent of a future/incoming PS199 student, a parent of a current PS199 student, or a concerned neighbor. Thank you for taking the time !

Dear "Recipient Name":

My name is "Your Name". I hope to enroll my four year old daughter in PS199 in September 2009. We have been looking forward to her attending this wonderful public school. I am writing to let you know that I support DOE proposal B which moves the Center School out of the PS199 building.

Unfortunately , since city planners did not think about where they were going to send hundreds of children to school when they decided to build 5-6 new high rise apartment buildings in the PS 199 zone, I have no choice but to support moving the Center School to a new location.

Hopefully city planners and politicians will learn a valuable lesson next time they allow real estate developers to build massive high rise apartments without having the responsibility of funding classrooms or new schools to accommodate the influx of new students to existing schools as a result of new construction.

I thank you for reading this and for addressing the overcrowding at PS199. It is a fantastic public school that I chose for my daughter and specifically purchased an apartment in what I thought was the catchment to ensure a good education for her.

Thank you for your time.

Best regards,
"Your Name"

Here are Other Ways to Show Your Support for Proposal B:

1. [Attend community meetings](#) that discuss "overcrowding at PS199/District 3 schools."
2. Invite your friends, neighbors and colleagues to visit this site.
3. Contact the media, post blog entries, and respond to articles on web sites about PS199 overcrowding.
4. [Join this web site's online community](#) to show your support and to get news updates.
5. (Coming Soon !) Print out this flyer and distribute to your neighbors and post on your building's bulletin boards.

Contact us with any questions at ps199community@yahoo.com

Here are [upcoming meetings](#) where you can voice your opinion and [more ways to show your support](#).

Thank You for Your Support !

Contact Us at
PS199community@yahoo.com.

<http://save199.ning.com>

"Young children in particular deserve to walk down the street holding their parent's hand to a school that is in the heart of their community."