



NYU Announces Formation of University Exploratory Committee To Explore Including the Inclusion of an Elementary School In the University's Long-Range Planning

New York University will form an exploratory committee to investigate the creation of an elementary school. For over a year, the University has been engaged in a campus planning process that will help guide NYU Plans 2031, the University's 25-year strategic growth initiative.

"As part of our campus space planning effort, we have hosted a series of Open House dialogues, and one of the clear messages from our neighbors was that additional public schools are needed in the area," said Alicia D. Hurley, Vice President for Government Affairs and Community Engagement.

The committee, comprised of members of the University's faculty, members of NYU's planning team, community affairs representatives as well as Borough President Stringer, CB2 Chair Brad Hoylman, and key members of the Stringer Community Task Force on NYU Development, will meet over the upcoming months to determine the feasibility and options for including a school in the University's space planning effort. The committee will announce their findings in the fall.

University officials have been working closely with Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer and Community Board 2 Chair Brad Hoylman to identify how the needs of the University and the community can be better integrated. "We agree that the best way toward a successful shared future with our community is to address some of the vital neighborhood needs. The potential incorporation of an elementary school into our planning provides an exciting opportunity to do that in a more fulsome way, bringing to bear the great talents and intellect that comprise the University's faculty and students," Hurley said. New York University already provides services and outreach to many schools across New York City.

Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer's recently released report, *Crowded Out*, details the dire need for additional public schools within Manhattan. The report cites Community Board 2 as an area where new schools are a critical necessity in order for new residential growth to be sustainable.

Stringer stated, "As my report, *Crowded Out*, illustrates, every elementary school in Community Board 2 is now over capacity. I applaud the University for its concern about this issue, and I look

forward to working with NYU through our Task Force to help create the extra classroom room seats that this community desperately needs.”

The announcement was made at a public hearing on school overcrowding held at P.S. 41 and organized by Community Board 2.

“This announcement displays an exceptionally strong commitment to the local community by NYU and we look forward to working closely with the university to make this exciting prospect a reality,” said Brad Hoylman, Chair of Community Board 2 Manhattan, which represents the Village, SoHo, NoHo, Chinatown, Little Italy and the Gansevoort Market. “The population of school aged children in Greenwich Village is exploding. As a result, most of our public schools are at over 100% capacity. Community Board 2 has been in extensive discussions with NYU, Borough President Stringer and our other elected officials about the university’s strategic growth plan, NYU Plans 2031, and we are extremely pleased that the University has decided to create an exploratory committee to integrate a new public school into their development plans.”

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