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Dear Parents and Neighbors of PS 29:

Re: Exterior Masonry, Flood Elimination, Parapets (roof walls) and Roof Project

The School Construction Authority (SCA) is responding to the many inquiries about the above-mentioned project.

Current Scope of the Project and Enhancement of Work Completed Eleven Years Ago

PS 29 is 92 years old. This project will address deterioration of the building that was identified after a Building Condition Assessment Survey (BCAS) and further review of existing conditions conducted by SCA architects and engineers. The work completed eleven years ago addressed the identified issues at that time and was only partial in nature. This project is more extensive and complete in scope. For example, eleven years ago the SCA completed spot roof work, spot parapet repair and re-pointed parts of the exterior masonry. The current project will totally demolish the parapets and rebuild them as new. In addition, work on the roof and exterior masonry is comprehensive in nature. The current project will also perform flood elimination at the base of the building.

Use of Partial Area of the Playground – Safety and Efficiency

The SCA is aware of the importance of the playground to the school and to the community. The SCA has also been made aware of the importance of the PS 29 playground to the revenue of the PS 29 P.T.A. While we are sensitive to these issues, it is a safety mandate that a certain portion of the playground be used to protect students, teachers and other community members during this project.

Also, a \$9 million project, such as the current project at PS 29, requires massive amounts of construction materials and equipment. For an efficient, timely project, there is a need to store equipment and material close to building. The staging area must be large enough to allow for truck delivery and storage of skids of roofing tar, roofing material, bricks and other construction material. Moving this area farther away from the building will result in inefficiency and in an extension of the project. In total, this area represents approximately 1/3 of the playground. Please see the attached for the area to be used for staging and storage.

For safety reasons, this area will be fenced off. Plans are for the rest of the yard to be available for use by the school and the community. However, again for safety reasons, on occasion, construction activities may require closure of the entire yard. The SCA will notify the community of complete closure at that time. When the project is completed, the playground will be restored to its pre-existing condition.