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1) Reducing the Size of Staging Area in Playground.

Originally, the SCA wanted to close the entire playground during demolition and construction. After hearing the objections from the school, the SCA's Safety Division determined that safety can be maintained and project efficiency assured with the SCA utilizing approximately 1/3 of the playground. This will allow the school, P.T.A., and the community to utilize 2/3 of the playground. Any further reduction of the size of the SCA staging area in the playground will have a negative impact on safety, delay the project, and extend the time the SCA is at PS 29. A smaller staging area will allow less construction material to be stored. Since materials will not be on hand when needed, this will delay the project. **Any further reduction in the area required by SCA's Safety Division cannot be considered.**

2) Staging in Front of PS 29.

Before construction begins, scaffolding will surround PS 29. The scaffolding will run from the ground up the façade of the school to the roof. The scaffolding will extend out from the school façade ten feet. Once scaffolding is in place in front of the school, there will no longer be room within the wrought iron fencing for a staging area where trucks can deliver and store skids of construction material. On the outside of the wrought iron fence, a protective sidewalk bridge will be erected to protect pedestrians from falling debris from above. This will eliminate the possibility of a staging area there.

3) Using An Empty Lot Four Blocks Away For Staging

Utilizing an empty lot four blocks from PS 29 for a staging area will delay the project and extend the time the SCA is working at PS 29. While an empty lot four blocks away will allow for truck delivery and storage of construction material, that construction material would then have to be wheel barrowed or carted four blocks to PS 29. Once there, without a staging area, there will be no place to put the construction material. This will cause a delay and extend the time construction occurs at PS 29.

4) Working Double Shifts During the Summer.

Aside from the extra drain on tax dollars working double shifts represents, it also places an undue burden on neighbors surrounding PS 29.

Community Disruption

The SCA understands the concerns about the impact of the project to the school and to the community. However, the Project Management team will work with the General Contractor to minimize the disruption.

Thank you for your patience and your cooperation as we work together for the betterment of PS 29.

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