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Public School Parents Rally Against Dangerous Construction

Borough President Brewer, Councilman Levine and Assemblyman O'Donnell Join

P.S. 163 parents and students will be joined by numerous elected officials as they call for immediate action to protect the students, teachers and staff from the effects of unsafe construction less than 50 feet away from their school on May 8th.

WHAT: Rally to Protect P.S. 163

WHO: Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer

State Assemblyman Daniel O'Donnell City Council Member Mark Levine City Council Member Helen Rosenthal P.S. 163 Parents, Teachers and Students

WHEN: Thursday, May 8, 2014 at 8:10AM

WHERE: P.S. 163, 163 West 97th Street (between Columbus and Amsterdam)

Jewish Home Life Care's proposed 20-story nursing home tower next to P.S. 163 Elementary School on West 97th Street may endanger the safety and health of the entire P.S. 163 school community. It may affect every aspect of our school from the ability of children to learn under potentially disruptive and unsafe conditions to the enrollment and retention of students and valued teachers and staff.

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Task Force for a Safe School (TFSS) is a group of concerned P.S. 163 parents working with the support of school leadership and the PTA to protect the children, teachers and staff of our school. We believe the proposed construction of a 20-story facility directly adjacent to our low structure and outdoor spaces may endanger health and safety as well as the quiet learning environment our children now enjoy.