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COMMITMENT TO THE COMMUNITY

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The New Highbridge Public Jr. High

A new middle school solely for Highbridge

BRONX – On December 11, 2007 the steps of City Hall have been reserved for residents, a conglomerate of non-profit community based organizations and civil representatives, all of whom are seeking to obtain a junior high school (middle school) for the Highbridge community located in the southwest section of the Bronx. This coalition has asked the NYC Department of Education and the NYC School Construction Authority for a meeting, for the last six (6) months, to discuss the need for this new school. Unfortunately, only the NYC Department of Education has sent correspondence, via a short letter, to Hon. Helen Foster, councilwoman representing District 16, indicating that “[t]here is currently no need for additional seats”ⁱ.

Highbridge is a neighborhood of approximately 40,000ⁱⁱ residents, with five public elementary schools: one of which is an elementary and middle school – it is therefore its own feeder school; one elementary charter school, and two private schools: an elementary school and a middle school. However, the Highbridge neighborhood does not have a single public middle or high school. Its residents ask for and demand that their voice to be heard.

ALLIANCE FOR PROGRESS, INC.

Alliance for Progress, Inc. (AFP) serves the West Bronx community since 1975. AFP advocates on behalf the Highbridge community and residents bringing affordable housing, education, and a higher quality of life.

AFP’s mission is to assist the less-fortunate and working families in climbing the social, economic, and intellectual ladder; providing families with beautiful, well – maintained, and affordable housing, job training, education, and small business development whereby individuals are able to grow holistically: mind, body, and soul. AFP strives to bring about equity whereby sustainable communities are developed and prosper.

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ⁱ NYC Educational Justice – Press Release on Nov. 2007

ⁱⁱ NY Times – Nov. 11, 2007:

www.nytimes.com/2007/11/11/nyregion/thecity/11scho.html?ex=1352523600&en=905b28df78aff8ca&ei=5088&pa rtner=rssnyt&emc=rss