

September 23, 2016

Ms. Maria Torres-Springer  
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New York City Economic Development Corporation  
110 William Street  
New York, NY 10038

Dear President Torres-Springer:

We hope this letter finds you well.

We are writing to discuss the balance of the city-owned property located near Fairview Park and the Bricktown Shopping Center in Charleston. As you know, this property is part of the master plan being managed by NYCEDC.

Through time, the built-environment and immediate needs of the South Shore have evolved, and today, we find ourselves with certain critical unmet needs. One of the major concerns facing government services on the South Shore is the need to meet and project future numbers for adequate school seats; particularly availability at the middle and high school level.

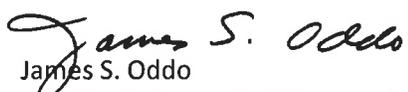
Currently, the only public high school serving the South Shore of Staten Island is Tottenville High School, which is not only being fed by four large middle schools which are almost at capacity now, but a number of parochial K-8 schools as well. Tottenville is attended by approximately 4,000 students and has one of the largest student populations in the city and state; contrast that to the approximately 1,500 students that attend the Port Richmond High School.

We believe we must consider the balance of the city-owned property for the potential siting of an educational complex containing both a new South Shore high school and a new middle school. With its adjacency to the newly-mapped Fairview Park, we have an opportunity to meet school seat demands and create a shared environment with Parks facilities currently being planned.

We look forward to starting this conversation in the very near future, and continuing a meaningful dialog to create a framework that will better serve the residents of the South Shore.

Thank you for your kind cooperation.

Sincerely,

  
James S. Oddo  
President, Borough of Staten Island

  
Joseph Borelli  
Council Member, 51<sup>st</sup> District

