

August 8, 2016

Ms. Dawn Mott, Manager  
Home Depot  
545 Targee Street  
Staten Island, NY

Re: Support for Grant to PS/IS 48, Staten Island

Dear Ms. Mott:

I am writing to express my strong support for New York City's Public School 48 in their application for a Home Depot grant.

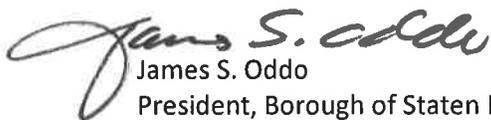
The principal and staff of this school, which teaches grades pre-k through 8, are doing inspiring work with our children. They are offering a STEM elective to their middle schoolers based on the Jason Learning curriculum, which specializes in environmental topics focused around recycling and which I strongly support. They have established a PS/IS 48 Green Team to help oversee school cleanliness and recycling; they even travel through the building giving feedback in the form of letter grades in individual classrooms, just as the Board of Health inspectors grade restaurants.

PS/IS 48 students are actively engaged in the maintenance and cultivation of a garden in the green space surrounding the school and are now actively planning to build a greenhouse to further these activities. A successful Home Depot grant application would help make this dream a reality.

Because of the tireless efforts of the school staff, PS/IS 48 students are enthusiastic about taking care of their school, their community and their world. They are, students and teachers alike, firmly committed to making our planet a better, cleaner and healthier place to live.

In closing, let me reiterate my full support for their grant application, and my hope that this support might in some small way help to make it happen.

Sincerely,

  
James S. Oddo  
President, Borough of Staten Island

