

March 8, 2017

The Honorable Carmen Fariña  
Chancellor  
New York City Department of Education  
52 Chambers Street  
New York, NY 10007

Re: The Young Women's Leadership School

Dear Chancellor Fariña:

I hope this letter finds you well.

In December of 2016, Council Member Debbi Rose and I wrote to you soliciting your assistance in locating space for a Young Women's Leadership School on Staten Island. I have not yet received a response.


As you know, we had taken a road trip to their flagship school in Harlem, and came away convinced that there is a desperate need for such a school here in the 49<sup>th</sup> Council District of Staten Island. It was also apparent that The Young Women's Leadership Network is fully on board with this project.

The Network is fully prepared to open this DOE school by next school year, far sooner than typical new schools, since they have a proven application formula that could conceivably allow them to shorten the standard DOE timeframe for school creation. As we expressed in our letter, we have the need, they have the know-how, and we all have the desire to begin the process in earnest. Our greatest challenge is still the "where."

I once again ask for your help in attempting to find an appropriate location. I remain convinced that with your help and guidance we can together make this school a reality.

Thank you for your kind attention, and we hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

  
James S. Oddo  
President, Borough of Staten Island

