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Ms. Lorraine Grillo  
President & CEO  
School Construction Authority  
30-30 Thomson Avenue  
Long Island City  
New York, 11101

Dear Ms. Grillo:

Our district is eagerly anticipating the opening of P.S. 343, the Peck Slip School, at the old post office site. However, recently I have received numerous complaints from residents who live near the site and who have been awoken by construction noise starting as early as 7 a.m.

I realize that work is restricted by union rules, and that the noise code allows construction to begin at 7 a.m., however, I am writing to ask if it is possible – without disrupting construction deadlines – to have only non-noisy work begin at 7 a.m.

As you know, Lower Manhattan is an extremely densely populated area, and many construction sites are right below residents' windows. Early morning and late night construction noise is a common issue, but we have often been able to work with public and private construction projects to ensure that noisier work is done at a more reasonable hour; I hope that together we can find a similar solution for this site as well.

At the neighboring Peck Slip Reconstruction project, we were able to work out an agreement whereby noisy construction work was held until 8 a.m. If the same policy could be instituted for work at the Peck Slip School site moving forward, I would greatly appreciate it.

Thank you as always for your consideration of this issue. Please do not hesitate to contact Kelly Magee, Director of Communications at (212) 788-7259, if you would like to discuss this issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Margaret S. Chin".

Margaret S. Chin  
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