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THE COUNCIL
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Dear Parents,

Mayor Michael Bloomberg has proposed the elimination of almost 50% of the Out-of-School Time (OST) seats available for afterschool programs that keep our children safe while parents such as yourself are working. These cuts include the Samuel Field YM & YWHA program that operates at P.S. 169 in Bay Terrace. This means that in September the Samuel Field YM& YWHA will no longer be able to offer a free afterschool program at P.S. 169.

The Samuel Field YM & YWHA afterschool program at P.S. 169 provides high-quality programming for hard-working families. In this economy afterschool programs are essential for families to survive and prosper in this area.

The Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD) has consistently and capriciously chosen to eliminate programs in the areas where the residents pay the highest taxes. The Mayor has chosen to eliminate programs that have been proven to help children to do better in school, have higher graduation rates, and have lower incidences of violence and drug-use.

Therefore, I am standing with the community to call for the restoration of the OST Program at P.S. 169. I will do everything in my power to fight for all the students of P.S. 169 and I am asking for your help as well. Contact the Mayor, Speaker Christine Quinn, and Commissioner of the DYCD, Jeanne B. Mullgraw, with a copy to my office indicating that the City is making a mistake by eliminating the OST at P.S. 169.

I look forward to working with you to fight these cuts. Please do not hesitate to contact my District Office at (718) 631-6703 for further information or assistance.

In Service

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