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June 25, 2014

Chancellor Carmen Farina
NYC Department of Education
52 Chambers Street
New York, NY 10007

Dear Chancellor Farina:

Long Island City High School has excelled in both academic and extracurricular programming for many years. Despite three years of threats to close or co-locate the school under the previous administration, the staff and students worked to keep it on the right track. Due to the extraordinary efforts by the principal, teachers and students, LICHS most recently received a “well-developed” report card. The strong academics have combined with robust extracurricular programs. The boys gymnastics team and culinary arts program are nationally recognized for success.

If the school does not receive the \$1.6 million for its waiting list of students, they will lose those classes and resources that make the school a well-developed comprehensive high school that the NYS DOE has said they are. It is time to give LICHS the resources it needs.

We have faith that Mayor de Blasio and Chancellor Farina will do the right thing for our students and the staff at LICHS. I know that this new administration will allow the waiting list of 433 students to enroll in LICHS now so teachers can continue to plan their excellent academic and extracurricular programming.

Sincerely,

Council Member Costa Constantinides
New York City Council, District 22

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