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Nina Kubota
President, New York City School Construction Authority
30-30 Thomson Avenue
Queens, NY 11101

Subject: Supporting the New York Harbor School's request for a fully-sized aquatic training facility and gymnasium

Dear President Kubota,

We are writing in support of the Urban Assembly New York Harbor School's ("the Harbor School") request for the construction of a competition-sized recreational facility at their campus on Governors Island.

Since relocating to Governors Island in 2010, the Harbor School has not had reliable access to a swimming pool or a gymnasium on their campus. Currently, the School Construction Authority (SCA) has proposed the construction of a pool that is three quarters of the size of the competitive standard, however, a pool sized at least 75 feet long is crucial to the maritime based curriculum that prepares Harbor School students for careers in and out of the water. The Harbor School's student population is set to double to over 1,000 students in the near future, making a full-sized gymnasium necessary for not only athletics, but for its usage as an auditorium. These projects have also had strong financial support in the past from local leaders, with funding allocated from State Senator Brian Kavanagh and Former Borough President Gale A. Brewer.

In response to the Harbor School's request for the construction of these facilities, the SCA proposed alternate plans for a smaller swimming pool and gymnasium. We strongly urge the following in an effort to make the construction of a competition-length swimming pool and high school-sized gymnasium possible:

1. For the SCA and the Trust for Governors Island to finalize the lease for Building 515, including land around the building and the ability to build on it; and
2. For the SCA and the Trust for Governors Island to simultaneously work with the Harbor School, Manhattan Community Board 1, and our offices to determine whether the aquatic training facility or the gymnasium is best sited adjacent to Building 515 and which is best located inside of Building 515.

If competition-sized facilities are not constructed at the Harbor School, the school will not be able to fulfill its mission in providing accessible maritime career and technical education programs. We strongly urge the SCA and the Trust for Governors Island to commit to these facilities that will serve students across our city for generations to come.

Sincerely,



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New York City Council Member



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New York State Assemblymember



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