



**Joint Statement by New York University President Andrew Hamilton,
Congressman Jerrold Nadler, State Senator Brad Hoylman, State Senator Brian Kavanagh,
Assemblymember Deborah Glick, City Council Member Christopher Marte,
and Manhattan Borough President Mark Levine**

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We understand that many community members who reside near New York University have been engaged in discussions about the possibility of a school being built on the site of the current Morton Williams grocery store location. We further understand how essential a reliable, affordable grocery store is to the neighborhood, and appreciate the importance of creating a school.

We are pleased to affirm that our offices are working together with New York University to create a long-term solution that will allow a school to be built while still preserving the grocery store at or near the current location. Too often communities are asked to fight for competing needs. Our offices have been meeting and are committed to working jointly towards the goal of the community having both a supermarket and the school, and we welcome the opportunity to continue to work in partnership with New York University to that end.