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The Honorable Edgardo Ramos United States District Court Southern District of New York 40 Foley Square New York, N.Y. 10007

## Re: Christa McAuliffe Intermediate School PTO, Inc. v. Bill de Blasio, 18cv11657 (ER)(OTW)

Dear Judge Ramos:

I write in response to the March 29, 2019 letter of the NAACP Legal Defense & Education Fund, Inc. ("LDEF") written on behalf of the Proposed Defendant-Intervenors: Teens Take Charge; Desis Rising Up & Moving ("DRUM"); Hispanic Federation; Elizabeth Pierret on behalf of her minor child O.R.; Odunlami Showa, on behalf of his minor child A.S.; Rosa Velasquez, on behalf of her minor child C. M.; Tiffany Bond, on behalf of her minor child K.B.; and Lauren Mahoney, on behalf of her minor children N.D.F. and N.E.F. Defendants note that some of the Proposed Defendant-Interveners do not have standing.

As a general matter, Defendants welcome the involvement of the Proposed Defendant-Intervenors due to the expertise of their counsel and because the testimony of some of the Proposed Defendant-Intervenors may be relevant and offer a helpful perspective. While the benefit of the Proposed Defendant-Intervenors' counsel could also be provided to the Court as amicus and the Defendants could work with the Proposed Defendant-Intervenors' motion to intervene, provided that their intervention does not delay the resolution or materially change the scope or course of the litigation.

Specifically, Defendants are not opposed to the proposed intervention provided that Proposed Defendant-Intervenors do not: (i) materially expand discovery; (ii) join new parties; (iii) move for judgment on the pleadings; (iv) bring a cross-claim against Defendants; or (v) seek relief other than dismissal of the action. If the Proposed Defendant-Intervenors were to pursue claims that are collateral to the issues currently before the Court, the result would be protracted

ZACHARY W. CARTER Corporation Counsel litigation and the possible intervention of additional parties. If the Proposed Defendant-Intervenors can provide assurances that the litigation will not be so diverted, Defendants do not oppose their motion to intervene.

Respectfully,

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