



**Department of  
Education**

Chancellor Richard A. Carranza

May 2, 2019

**VIA U.S. MAIL**

Scott M. Stringer  
New York City Comptroller  
David N. Dinkins Municipal Building  
1 Centre Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10007

Dear Comptroller Stringer:

We are writing in response to your letter dated March 26, 2019, in which you request that the School Siting Task Force (“Task Force”) fully comply with all of the requirements of the Open Meetings Law (“OML”), and that all future Task Force meetings be open to the general public.

The New York City Department of Education (“NYCDOE”) and the New York City School Construction Authority (“NYCSCA”) value community input and fully comply with the requirements of the OML. The NYCDOE and NYCSCA ensure that all meetings that are required to be open under the OML are open to the general public.

Although we disagree with your position that the Task Force is subject to the OML, we do not object to opening Task Force meetings to the general public, consistent with our commitment to community input and engagement. Accordingly, future meetings of the Task Force will be open to the public.

Sincerely,

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Richard A. Carranza  
Chancellor  
New York City Department of Education

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Lorraine Grillo  
President and CEO  
New York City School Construction Authority