

WE NEED EVERYONE'S HELP!
THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF ACTIONS THAT YOU
CAN TAKE STARTING TOMORROW TO HELP
OUR SCHOOL:

1. Educate your family, friends and neighbors about what's happening in School District 30 and specifically at P.S. 122
2. If you haven't done so yet, write your elected representatives and ask them to advocate on behalf of P.S. 122 and our other local schools. A list of contact information can be found at the back of this booklet
3. Write, call, and email the Department of Education. More specifically address your concerns to :
 - Chancellor Dennis Walcott
 - Deputy Chancellor Mark Sternberg
 - Deputy Chief Executive for Admissions Sandy Ferguson

Again, the contact information for these officials can be found at the back of this booklet.

4. Attend the next Community District Council 30 meeting which will take place on March 21, 2013 at P.S. 234 in Astoria. **6:30 P.M.**
5. Sign both the online petition and a hard copy of our petition which is floating around in this room tonight.
6. Join our email and mailing lists in order to obtain updates about this and other important P.S. 122 issues.

SAMPLE LETTER

The following is an example of a letter that you can use to send to any of the Department of Education's (DOE) officials. You can find their contact information in the back of this handout. Also, feel free to change anything you'd like but make sure to address the specific person you are sending it to and to sign the letter.

March 7, 2013

Dear _____,

- As a parent of a child being educated in District 30,
- As a resident living within the borders of District 30,

I am writing this letter to support one of our community's biggest assets, P.S. 122 and The Academy for the Intellectually Gifted that has existed there for almost three decades.

For all these years, P.S. 122 has helped shape some of our community's brightest minds. It has been a refuge for children with a variety of needs and has discharged its responsibility in an effective manner. The broad and loud support which P.S. 122 has received in the past few days is just one indicator of its success. The local community passionately loves this school as a result of its contribution towards our children's' futures.

Given P.S. 122's success record, we strongly feel that the program and structure there should not be altered. The plan, which was announced recently, will clearly harm our children, one of our most prized schools and, consequently, our entire community.

We look forward to hearing about the reversal of this decision from your office.

Sincerely,

PEOPLE YOU SHOULD CONTACT STARTING TOMORROW

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