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To Whom It May Concern:

It is very important that parents, staff, and the community receive notice and instructions in the event of an emergency in our public schools. Notification systems can help ensure the safety of our students and school personnel. It will also provide a way to inform parents and other members of the community about emergency situations at schools and allow them to prepare accordingly.

Almost every SUNY and CUNY campus has or is implementing an emergency alert notification system. New York State's NY-Alert program has over one million enrollees and New York City is already conducting a pilot community alert system.

Implementing a program like this in New York City public schools would be fairly easy due to New York City's potential ability to plug into the existing NY-Alert system run by the New York State Emergency Management office.

THE COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL FOR DISTRICT 25 STRONGLY SUPPORTS THIS LEGISLATION AND ENCOURAGES SWIFT ACTION BY THE LEGISLATURE TO ADOPT THIS BILL THIS YEAR.

Respectfully,

Community Education Council for District 25

¹ Refer to minutes from the CDEC 25 meeting held on Wednesday March 4, 2009.