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Dear Parents,

To gather support for a solution to the upcoming disruption caused by Toll Brothers construction, we need you to call NYC politicians who can really help us. Our children's well being at School of the Future depends on your involvement.

First, please call:

Ms. Carmen Farina, Chancellor, NYC Department of Education Phone: (212) 374-2307

To also leave a recorded message, call: 212-374-0200

In addition, it's very important that you call the following politicians who represent School of the Future's District.

Hon. Melissa Mark-Viveritro	212-828-9800	Speaker of the New York City Council	mviverito@council.nyc.gov
Hon. Letitia James	212-669-7200 / 7250	Public Advocate	gethelp@pubadvocate.nyc.gov
Hon. Scott M. Stringer	212-669-3500	New York City Comptroller	
Hon. Rosie Mendez	212-677-1077	City Council Member, District 2	Mendez@council.nyc.gov
Hon. Liz Kruger	212-490-9535	State Senator, 28th District	lkruger@nysenate.gov
Hon. Brian Kavanagh	212-979-9696	NY State Assembly Member, District 74	kavanagh@assembly.state.ny.us

Based on the district you live in, please call the City Council member, NY State Assembly representative, and the State Senator who represent your district. It's easy to find out their contact information. Just go to:

<http://council.nyc.gov/html/members/members.shtml>

<http://assembly.state.ny.us/mem/search/?sh=main>

http://www.nysenate.gov/contact_form

Please use these talking points to keep our message consistent.

I am a parent at School of the Future, a middle school and high school at Lexington and 22nd. I am calling because I am very concerned that SOF is facing dangerous and excessive construction and the DOE has refused to take any steps to make sure the kids are safe. After the demolition of existing buildings, two huge buildings, one 18 floors the other 12 floors, are going up on each side of SOF.

We are worried about structural integrity, it is an old building and we have no independent safety assessment.

We are worried about toxins. There has been no independent assessment as to the impact of likely toxins in the air on children in general and children who are especially vulnerable like those with asthma. We know in the past children have developed nose bleeds and headaches from this kind of construction and had to be moved out – why wait until they are harmed?

We are worried about the noise that will impact students' ability to learn. Eighteen percent of our kids have IEPs and will be especially affected by such noise and DOE is not even assessing what the impact is likely to be.

We are shocked there is no concern for a policy that deals with these situations and we ask that you support us in getting an appropriate response from DOE that protects the children. PLEASE reach out to the Chancellor on this matter.

Parent of Student(s) at School of the Future