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May 17, 2001



Mr. Alex Herrera
NYC Landmarks Conservancy
41 5th Avenue
New York, New York 10010

**Re: P.S. 109 – Manhattan
Protection Plan**

Dear Mr. Herrera:

This is in response to the May 9, 2001 letter from the Cabrera Group to the Coalition to Save P.S. 109-Manhattan that you forwarded to the SCA, and which questions the need to remove the terra cotta dormers. Attached is our re-evaluation of this action confirming the current scope of work.

Not knowing how long P.S. 109-Manhattan will remain dormant, the appropriate engineering decision for its protection, to forestall further deterioration and to minimize potential unforeseen risk is to remove the terra-cotta dormers at this time (they would eventually need to be removed to remediate the underlying structural deterioration), protect any remaining terra-cotta from further damage and salvage good units for reuse and replication.

We hope that our response addresses the concerns that were raised. Should you require additional clarification, please call me at (718) 472-8488 or Timothy F. Ng, R.A. at (718) 472-8752.

Sincerely,

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