

# Stop Hunter College Takeover of Julia Richman Education Complex!

The Hunter College building would dislocate 1,900 elementary through high school students. **Why this proposal is wrong for students and taxpayers:**

- Why spend \$150 million dollars to simply replace a sound educational building? Hunter College could build the facilities it needs on the land it already controls at 25<sup>th</sup> street, without also building a replacement for the Julia Richman Schools.
- Isn't it better for Hunter College to locate its health sciences facilities near its affiliated hospitals downtown?
- Nearly \$30 million dollars of public money has just been spent to renovate the Julia Richman Education Complex. This is not just "any old building." It is a sound structure that has been carefully and thoughtfully renovated to meet the needs of its occupants.
- JREC is the jewel in the crown of educational reform. It is nationally recognized example of how to redesign a large school building to house a complex of small schools and supporting services. There is a constant flow of visitors from across the nation and abroad to study this educational model.
- Ella Baker Elementary School (PreK-8<sup>th</sup> grade) at JREC serves the children of workers at Hunter College and the nearby hospitals. Moving this school downtown would hurt Hunter College staff and remove this strong educational option for many families working in the area.
- Neighborhood institutions, such as Mount Sinai Hospital, the Neighborhood Coalition for Shelter, the Burden Center for the Elderly, and Manhattan Eye and Ear Hospital, provide services to and internship possibilities for JREC students. Engagement with this community is part of the success of these schools.
- It is particularly unethical for a sister institution to evict a successful education complex simply to meet its own real estate desires.

How would parents of students attending Hunter College Elementary and High Schools respond to a similar proposal to move their schools?