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Chancellor Joel Klein  
NYC Department of Education  
52 Chambers Street  
New York, New York 10007

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Dear Chancellor Klein,

I am writing a second letter to state my strong opposition to closing the Julia Richman Education complex. As the debate continues, the reasons for maintaining the facility only grow stronger. Closing would disrupt the delivery of educational and transportation services and neighborhood contacts for the schools' autistic students that is so important to their development. The investment of public funds to make Julia Richmond a state of the art facility for the nearly 2000 students attending its schools would be diverted for a wholly unrelated and unintended purpose. Re-assigning these students who come from primarily immigrant and minority populations to an older, abandoned site sends the message that their educational success is not a priority of the Department of Education.

I urge you to oppose the closing and to urge Hunter College to find an alternative site for its expansion plans. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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