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The President's Council of Community School District 3 passed the following resolution at it's meeting on 1/31/06.

"The President's Council of Community School District 3 strongly urges the City's Franchise and Concession Review Committee to delay any implementation of a plan to allocate usage of newly-constructed or renovated playing fields on Randall's Island to public or private schools until a survey can be done of demand for these fields from all of the City's schools.

"This survey of demand should be predicated on the offering, by the City, of an expanded free yellow bus service and/or free or reduced-fare mass transportation service to the Island, so that public schools may express interest in use of the fields based on a reasonable expectation that they could get their students to the fields.

"Allocation of access ought then to be made giving every school, public or private, an equal opportunity for use of the fields they request at the times they request it."

Submitted, on behalf of the President's Council, by Richard Barr, Co-V.P. for Political Action.

December 13, 2006 Resolution

Whereas, the New York City Parks Department and the Randall's Island Sports Foundation (RISF) have submitted a proposal to revitalize numerous playing fields (approximately 65-67) on Randall's Island;

Whereas, Randall's Island is located near the East Harlem and District 4 school community, and there are 58 public schools located in East Harlem currently sharing eight ball fields;

Whereas, the plan for the utilization of the renovated playing fields stipulates 80% usage assigned to independent schools, for the next 30 years during prime time after schools hours of 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm;

Resolved, CEC4 raises its voice in objection of the proposal as it stands. We find the proposal exclusionary and particularly insensitive to the overall wellness of District 4 students. We find that 20% usage time and inadequate transportation to Randall's Island playing fields unacceptable and an unfair distribution of resources. We hereby request an equitable distribution of usage time and that adequate means of transportation be provided for the enjoyment of the East Harlem community.

Calendar Meeting
December 13, 2006