



# Community District Education Council 26

## New York City Department of Education

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July 13, 2023

Borough Commissioner Nicole Garcia  
New York City Department of Transportation

RE: Application for the Open Streets Program at Middle School 216

Dear Commissioner Garcia,

Middle School 216, located at 64-20 175th St, Fresh Meadows, NY 11365, is scheduled for new construction to begin on a three-story addition in its schoolyard starting in October 2023. The entire schoolyard will be closed for three years until the addition is ready for the planned opening in September 2026. As a result of the closure, over 1,400 students will not be able to participate in recess. To mitigate the closure of the schoolyard, the school administration is applying to the Open Streets program. During school hours, we fully support the closure of the adjacent street, 174th Street between 64th and 65th Avenue, and request the Department of Transportation to expedite the review of the application.

Sincerely,  
Community Education Council District 26

CC:  
Queens Borough President Donovan Richards  
Council Member James Gennaro, District 24  
Chairperson Martha Taylor, Community Board 8

***During the CEC26 meeting held on July 13, 2023, the proposed letter was reviewed and unanimously approved by all members in attendance.***