

DONOVAN RICHARDS

COUNCIL MEMBER
31ST DISTRICT, QUEENS

COMMITTEES

PUBLIC SAFETY – CHAIR

TRANSPORTATION

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

ZONING AND LAND USE

PUBLIC HOUSING

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION



THE COUNCIL
OF
THE CITY OF NEW YORK

LAURELTON OFFICE
234-26 MERRICK BLVD.
LAURELTON, NY 11422
TEL: (718) 527-4356
FAX: (718) 527-4402

ROCKAWAY OFFICE
1931 MOTT AVENUE SUITE 410
FAR ROCKAWAY, NY 11691
TEL: (718) 471-7014
FAX: (718) 327-4794

CITY HALL OFFICE:
250 BROADWAY
NEW YORK, NY 10007
TEL: (212) 788-7216
FAX: (212) 227-1210

February 9, 2018

drichards@council.nyc.gov

Chancellor of Schools Carmen Fariña
Department of Education
52 Chambers St., New York, New York 1007

Dear Chancellor Fariña:

I am writing in regards to the expected closure of PS 42Q in Arverne, Queens.

After careful consideration with my constituents and the principal of PS 42, I am firmly against the closure of this renewal school. As you noted recently, this school has seen progress under this program, so to scrap it all would be unfair to the administrators, teachers, students and parents who worked so hard to come so far.

The answer to truly renewing this school is not to shutter its doors, but to make sure there are more resources along with emotional and social services to address the issues and needs of the community.

I look forward to your response on this issue and please contact my office at (718) 471-7014 for any further questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donovan Richards".

Council Member Donovan Richards