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**Department of
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**Christopher O. Ward
Commissioner**

October 11, 2002

Ms. Kathleen Grimm
Deputy Chancellor, Finance & Administration
New York City Department of Education
52 Chambers Street
New York, New York 10007

Dear Ms. Grimm:

The New York City Department of Environmental Protection has reviewed the asbestos air sampling reports prepared by Taylor Environmental Group, Inc.

The results indicated sampling and analysis was in accordance with the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) requirements. According to the submitted reports, sampling was performed in the auditorium, library, basement, elevators, 1st floor and on the 3rd through 10th floors.

The results indicate the clearance and re-occupancy criteria set forth in AHERA (70 s/mm²) were met.

Micro-vacuum sampling is not a recognized method for asbestos sampling. Further, the New York State Department of Health has not approved the analytical method for the micro-vacuuming samples.

We acquiesce to the Department of Health's recommendations that the Department of Education's carpet-removal protocols would be sufficiently protective of the health of students, teachers, and staff within the school such that the removal process itself would not create a risk to health.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Radhakrishnan".

R. Radhakrishnan
Director
Asbestos Control Program



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