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The Honorable Carolyn Maloney
2430 RHOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Maloney:

Thank you for supporting our efforts to secure assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to meet the mental health needs of New York City's schoolchildren in the wake of the 2001 terrorist attacks.

The federal Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS) – in coordination with FEMA – recently approved a request by New York State and City to provide a \$33 million grant to provide mental health services in our schools. This award raises the total amount of funding available for students to \$41.9 million, and fully-funds a comprehensive initiative developed by the department after the attacks.

The recent award is welcome news as it allows us to provide critical assistance to vulnerable children. Under this grant, students experiencing problems resulting from 9-11 will receive services to overcome any issues that could compromise their long-term educational and personal development.

Thanks again for your outstanding advocacy on our behalf.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joel", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Joel I. Klein
Chancellor

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