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Captain Michael Falcon  
20<sup>th</sup> Precinct, New York Police Department  
120 W 82<sup>nd</sup> st  
New York, NY 10024

Dear Captain Falcon,

Thank you so much for speaking with me on Wednesday January 14<sup>th</sup> about the need for a crossing guard at the intersection of 77<sup>th</sup> st and Columbus Ave. I greatly appreciate your immediate recognition of the seriousness of the situation and your commitment to placing a guard at that location as soon as possible.

As we discussed, the three schools located in the O'Shea School Complex at 100 W 77<sup>th</sup> st. have serious concerns for student safety at that intersection. On a recent afternoon visit at school dismissal time, which included representatives from the Anderson School, PS 452 and Computer School as well as the Manhattan Borough President's Office, the Transportation and Youth, Education & Libraries Committees of Community Board 7 as well as my office, it was apparent that a crossing guard at that location was critical to ensure the safety of students coming from or going to school.

The sheer number of students from 2:30-3:30pm and the morning hours of 7:45 – 8:45am from four schools, if PS 87 is included, is more than enough to warrant a crossing guard at this spot. With the crowds for Shake Shack spilling onto the corner of Columbus Ave and the Museum across the street, the density and confusion becomes that much greater and student safety is at a real risk as cars and taxis make the turn onto 77<sup>th</sup> st or double-park to drop off or pick up.

There is currently a crossing guard at Amsterdam Avenue and 77<sup>th</sup> st and we are requesting the necessary addition of a second crossing guard to be posted at Columbus Ave and 77<sup>th</sup> st. Thank you for understanding the urgency of the request and please let me know if my office can be helpful in any way as you work on this placement.

I look forward to getting an update from you soon on this issue.

Sincerely,

*Helen Rosenthal*