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Dominick A. D'Angelo, Principal

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To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Dominick D'Angelo and for the past 15 years, I have been the proud Principal of David A. Boody, Intermediate School 228 for Magnet Studies in Brooklyn, New York. I would like to take this opportunity to express my opposition and concern to the proposed redistricting of our school from the "Bensonhurst" District to the "Gravesend" area.

The preliminary assembly draft of Brooklyn's Bensonhurst district is a concern for my students as well as the school community. There is no commonality of interest between the area west of McDonald Avenue between Avenue U and Avenue O, with the area east of McDonald Avenue. Our current area "Bensonhurst" shares, Community Planning Board #11, the NYPD 62nd Precinct, the NYC Department of Education Council District 21, and the 47th Assembly District. The proposed "Gravesend" labelled district east is part of Community Planning Board #15, NYPD 61st Precinct and the 45th Assembly District. This is unacceptable for our school community!

Over the last 15 years, our school community has developed outstanding relationships with various organizations in the district including the Bensonhurst West End Community Council, Federation of Italian American Organization, Chinese American Social Service Center, The Gravesend Bensonhurst Community Coalition and more! As a community, we have had to overcome major issues including a proposed plan by NYC Parks Department and the DiBlasio Administration to convert our schoolyard into a public park. With the help of the "Bensonhurst" community and various organizations, the project was cancelled.

Let us do the right thing that makes the most sense and leave us part of the Bensonhurst 47th Assembly District!

Sincerely,

Dominick D'Angelo, Principal, IS 228