



October 3, 2011

Ms. Mary McDonald  
Public School 139  
330 Rugby Road  
Brooklyn, New York 11226

Dear Ms. McDonald,

We are writing today on behalf of the Beverley Square West Neighborhood Association (BSWNA) regarding PS 139's garbage collection and storage procedures.

At the September meeting of the BSWNA, it was called to our attention by members of the association that the PS 139 custodial staff routinely collects its garbage and stores it on the sidewalk bordering the Argyle school yard for a once-daily pick-up by a garbage collection agency. Furthermore, it was shared that garbage is often placed on the street after the daily garbage collection and sits until the following afternoon's scheduled pick-up or over the weekend. During this time, garbage bags are often torn – strewing litter throughout the playground, across the sidewalk and street, and into bordering yards. The result is an eyesore that, in addition to creating a cosmetic issue, also emits a smell and attracts vermin.

It is our understanding that Ellen Moncure Wong (BSWNA member and parent of a PS 139 student) has reached out to you regarding this issue. We further understand that you and Ms. Wong discussed a resolution that includes the custodial staff emptying all trash cans and removing garbage from the school by 4:30 pm each weekday afternoon and placing it on the street for the afternoon's garbage collection. Any additional garbage collected during the evening cleaning of the school or surrounding grounds after the daily pick-up will be stored in the fenced-in garbage storage area in the rear of the school

The BSWNA would like to share its deep appreciation for your partnership in so quickly addressing and resolving this issue of shared concern. We look forward to working with you in the future to build a safe, happy and neighborly community for our children and neighbors to live, learn and grow.

Warm regards,

Co-President

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