



CEC 28 LIAISON & INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT

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I. MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE CAPITAL COMMITMENT: M.S. 217Q CAMPUS ANNEX

Following years of persistent advocacy regarding space limitations and aging temporary "T-Buildings" at M.S. 217Q (Robert A. Van Wyck), a decisive breakthrough was achieved this month.

- **The Intergovernmental Session:** On August 5, 2026, an urgent intergovernmental session was convened with U.S. Congresswoman Grace Meng's office, our state and city legislative delegations, District 28 administration, and the School Construction Authority (SCA).
- **Full Capital Commitment Secured:** The SCA has formally committed to fully funding and constructing a permanent school annex at M.S. 217Q to permanently replace obsolete transportable classrooms and provide equitable, modern learning spaces for our 1,300+ students.

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II. LAND USE & JOP STATUS BREAKTHROUGH

On August 14, 2026, SCA President and CEO Celeste A. Ramirez issued an official determination that has significantly altered and accelerated the project timeline:

- **Jointly Operated Playground (JOP) Verification:** Official research has verified that Briarwood Playground is a **Jointly Operated Playground (JOP)** under the shared jurisdiction of the DOE and NYC Parks, rather than mapped parkland.
- **Timeline Impact:** This critical JOP status dramatically simplifies the development process. The SCA and NYC Parks are already actively collaborating on site evaluations to position the permanent annex while preserving community playground access.

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III. COMMUNITY PARK RESTORATION

In alignment with our community's "Joint Campus Revitalization" vision, the project footprint will address both educational space and green space stewardship.

- **Park Beautification:** The SCA has committed to restoring and beautifying the remaining shared playground and green space areas immediately following the

completion of the annex construction, turning a long-neglected footprint back into a vibrant neighborhood asset.

IV. FISCAL TRACKING & NEXT STEPS

As Treasurer, my priority shifts from securing commitments to tracking milestones:

1. **Feasibility Coordination:** CEC 28 will continue to track the ongoing technical site evaluations between the SCA, NYC Parks, and the Office of District Planning.
2. **Stakeholder Engagement:** A separate tracking session will be coordinated in the coming weeks for all local stakeholders and community partners to review project updates firsthand.

CEC 28 explicitly commends our federal, state, and city elected officials, our District 28 leadership, and the SCA executive team for stepping forward to deliver solid ground and educational equity for the families of Briarwood.