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Members of the Panel for Educational Policy,

We, the members of the Community Education Council for District 16, wish to register our support for the consolidation of M.S. 534 with P.S. 308 in Building 308 in District 16 for Fall 2016.

We understand that District 16 continues to experience declines in enrollment and strategic mergers and consolidations are necessary to ensure quality education. M.S. 534 is a school with low enrollment that will eventually cause the school to close and it would be best to transition students sooner rather than later.

There appears to be some support of the consolidation from parents at both schools, however we share parent concerns about the state of P.S. 308. As you may be aware, P.S. 308 has suffered from lack of consistent leadership in recent years and has security, staffing and budget issues that are beginning to be addressed by a newly appointed Principal and the Acting Superintendent.

Therefore, we are requesting that Department of Education continue to work closely with the Principal of P.S. 308 and the Acting Superintendent to insure that the above mentioned security, staffing and budget issues are fully addressed by the Fall of 2016 so as to insure the safety and success of all students.

Best regards,
The Members of the Community Education Council for District 16