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## Senator Squadron: Decision to Keep P.S. 137 Open Is Victory and Opportunity

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NEW YORK -- Today, State Senator Daniel Squadron released the following statement after the Department of Education announced that it will not close P.S. 137 on the Lower East Side. In a November 7 letter to Chancellor Walcott, Senator Squadron urged the DOE to keep the school open:

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*DOE's decision to keep P.S. 137 open is a victory and an opportunity for the Lower East Side community. Last month, I urged the DOE to work with us to find an alternative to closure in the belief that an alternative would be less disruptive to teachers, parents, and students alike. I look forward to working with the school and the community to make sure P.S. 137 provides Lower East Side kids with the best possible education.*

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