



January 14, 2015

Diocese of Brooklyn
Office of the Superintendent
Mr. Thomas Chadzutko, Ed.D.
310 Prospect Park West
Brooklyn, New York, 11215

Dear Mr. Chadzutko,

We write to express concern regarding the planned closure of the Most Precious Blood School in Astoria. Parents, students and community members are distressed about the planned closure and have expressed to me that they feel blindsided by the abrupt nature of the announcement. The outpouring of support for keeping the school open has been remarkable, and we wish to join our neighbors in expressing support for this beloved institution and concern over its planned closure.

As public servants we believe all of our children deserve access to a quality education and we will always fight to provide the students of western Queens with the resources they need to succeed. Most Precious Blood is a gem in our community and the thought of its closure has caused parents of nearly 200 students to worry about their children's futures. The timing of the planned closure has exacerbated these concerns, as closing Most Precious Blood at the end of the 2014-15 school year will leave students with only a few months to find a new school.

In light of the overwhelming support the community continues to demonstrate for keeping Most Precious Blood open and the concerns we share with parents and students about the timing of the planned closure, we respectfully ask the Diocese of Brooklyn to reexamine the issue and consider any and all alternatives that could possibly preserve this beloved institution.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter and we look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL N. GIANARIS
State Senator

Costa Constantinides
Council Member
22nd District

Aravella Simotas
NYS Assemblymember
36th District – Queens