

March 22, 2007

Jennifer J. Rabb, President  
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Dear Jennifer:

NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital is happy to express its strong support for the Science and Health Professions School that you are proposing to build on 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue between East 67<sup>th</sup> and East 68<sup>th</sup> Street. Hunter is a strong and important institutional neighbor to the Medical Center and an important resource for the training of the nurses and other health professionals needed by this and other hospitals. I know that Tony Gotto, Dean of Weill Cornell, also supports the expanded School in the new location.

Like all hospitals, NewYork-Presbyterian faces the prospect of trained workforce shortages as our patient population becomes older and sicker. This is true particularly of nurses but also of a number of other allied health professions. We already have in place an important collaboration between the Hospital Nursing Service and your School of Nursing. Hunter's expanded capacity will be very welcome, and its proximity to the Hospital will facilitate closer and more frequent contacts between your faculty and our practicing professionals, significantly strengthening the opportunities for collaborations in research, education, training and practice. Extremely important is the fact that Hunter has a long and successful record of training science health professionals from the minority communities of the city.

I commend you and your leadership on a critically important initiative and look forward to the day when the new School opens its doors.

Sincerely,



Herbert Pardes MD