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**The President of Local 372 Appeals to the City Council to
Call for Emergency Hearings to
Stop the Firing of Nearly 800 DOE Support Services Employees**

On Friday, September 23, 2011 Santos Crespo, Jr., the President of Local 372 will provide testimony before the City Council Education Committee, chaired by the Honorable Robert Jackson.

In a prepared statement, Mr. Crespo will also ask Chairman Jackson and the Honorable Domenic Recchia, chair of the Finance Committee to jointly call for a special hearing to afford the City Council and those affected by the layoffs the opportunity to question the methodology employed in the process that determined these layoffs. "I will tell you that it appears that these proposed cuts disproportionately impact and affect poor communities of color," stated Local 372 President Santos Crespo, Jr.

In addition, Mr. Crespo will be providing testimony related to the recent announcement by the Chancellor regarding the opening of 50 middle schools without the input of local elected officials, school employees, parents and the community. "This is wrong. Part of the problem with today's public education system is that it takes away the voices of the people."

Our children, our teachers and our communities deserve better!

Attachments:

Testimony of President Santos Crespo, Jr.
Impact of DOE Layoffs on Select Neighborhoods

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