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## **Local 372 and District Council 37 will hold a press conference and protest rally on Tuesday, October 4th against the 800 school layoffs**

On Tuesday, October 4, 2011 Santos Crespo, Jr., the President of Local 372 and Lillian Roberts, Executive Director of District Council 37, will be holding a press conference and rally telling Mayor Bloomberg, "Save Our Schools! Save Our Communities!"

The press conference will take place at 12:00 noon on the steps of City Hall. Later, the "Stop the Layoffs" rally will take place at City Hall on Broadway from 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm.

Close to 800 Local 372 members are currently at work, but if the Department of Education has its way, these members will be gone by October 7th. Those targeted for layoffs are school aides, health aides, parent coordinators, family paraprofessionals and community coordinators. "Most of these job losses will be felt in East New York, Brownsville, Williamsburg, Washington Heights, Rockaway, South Jamaica and the South Bronx. These communities are already in need of enhanced social services and are suffering with high unemployment rates," stated President Santos Crespo. "The economic sense in laying off these city workers does not add up. I will tell you that it appears that these proposed cuts disproportionately impact and affect poor communities of color," said Local 372 President Santos Crespo, Jr.

Local 372 is asking District Council 37 presidents, the members of the Municipal Labor Committee, United Federation of Teachers, municipal unions, elected officials, parents and members of the community to please come out and support our Local 372 sisters and brothers during this difficult time.

Once again we are in a fight – and standing together, it's a fight we can win! Our children, our teachers and our communities deserve better!

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