

# White Plains Religious Leaders Minister's Fellowship Council White Plains & Vicinity

15 February 2017

Honorable Thomas Roach, Mayor  
Members of the Common Council  
**City of White Plains**  
City Hall  
255 Main St.  
White Plains, NY 10601

**RE:** FASNY

Dear Mayor Roach and Members of the Common Council:

We, the religious leaders of White Plains, have watched with interest the long and arduous path the French American School of New York has experienced in seeking to locate their School in the City of White Plains at the former Ridgeway Country Club. We also understand that there is a critical vote coming up concerning whether a drainage ditch on the other side of Ridgeway off FASNY's property would require the School to continue to need a super-majority vote.

We felt that it was particularly important at this time for our respective organizations to convey to the members of the Common Council our vigorous and ardent support for the School. We are hopeful that the Common Council will honor the terms of the Stipulation of Settlement, and bring this long saga to an end.

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To this end, we strongly urge the Council to ignore the attempt of a small minority of White Plains residents to derail the Stipulation, and ask that the Council approve the School's reduced density proposal at the earliest possible date. It is good for City of White Plains, good for our communities, and good for the character and diversity of our great City.

We are particularly impressed with the School's expressed willingness to reach out and collaborate with our members to create joint educational and cultural programs for low income and minority students in the City, need based scholarships, a commitment to hiring minority and women businesses and work force and fostering a relationship with our membership that will only strengthen the resources and fabric of our City.

We sincerely hope that the Common Council will unanimously support the School in light of the reduced scope of the School, recent Court decisions against the City, and other moral and policy reasons.

Respectfully,



Reverend Tim Dalton, President  
White Plains Religious Leaders



Reverend Erwin Trolling, President  
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