

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-3215

March 28, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Evander Childs Educational Campus Cafeteria Renovations in fiscal year 2024.

The entity to receive funding for this project is New York City Department of Education, located at 800 E Gun Hill Rd, Bronx, NY 10467.

The funding would be used to renovate a cafeteria that services students from six different New York City public high schools. Scope of work includes new self-serving refrigerators and salad bars, ADA-compliant café style dining furniture, aesthetic enhancements such as new paint, floors, and art, and air conditioners for kitchens, including electrical work. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it directly impacts the daily life of thousands of low-income public-school students in NY-15.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program: 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and/or 5305(a)(5).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ritchie Torres", followed by a long horizontal flourish.

Ritchie Torres
Member of Congress