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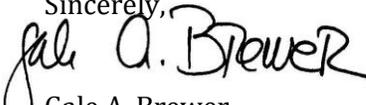
Dear Chancellor Carranza and President Grillo,

I write to inquire about the status of the technology contracts holding up the School Construction Authority's and the technology integrator's ability to secure the learning devices that Manhattan children require to receive instruction. For months I've worked tirelessly to find solutions to the obstacles posed by the pandemic to the safe reopening of schools.

Imagine my surprise when I learned that after successfully getting the Office of Management and Budget to approve a certificate to proceed for my Reso A FY 2020 technology allocations, purchasing can't proceed because NYC DIIT and the SCA have not finalized technology contracts. Further, I'm dismayed to learn that there are still issues with purchasing Chromebooks, after I won that fight over a year ago.

Despite my office's efforts to obtain information, we have yet to hear back from NYC DIIT, Department of Education or School Construction Authority. It's unacceptable that we have no answers. I am demanding information on the status of the technology contracts and the ability of schools to receive Chromebooks with Reso A funding.

We need to work together to give our students, teachers, and school personnel a fighting chance. Please contact Vanessa Díaz-López, Director of Budget & Capital Projects with any questions you may have at vdiaz-lopez@manhattanbp.nyc.gov or (347) 909-0366. Thank you for your attention on this most important matter.

Sincerely,

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