

Antony Rotunno, Principal  
John F. Kennedy High School

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Dear Mr. Rotunno,

I spoke with you in the third floor hallway after I looked into room 366. Room 366 had been designated as a science DNA lab room. Ms. Eleanor Delfeyett; worked to create this special lab; she has since retired from teaching. The stools and lab tables were removed from the room and the closet which held precious equipment was wide open. The lock had been removed. Custodial workmen were in the process of removing more furniture. I asked one of the men, " where was the furniture going?" He said that "they told us to throw it out". I saw you (Mr. Routnno) in the hallway and asked you if you knew what happened to the furniture and equipment in the DNA lab. You said the you "don't know".

I later notified Mr. Colon of the missing equipment. A computer and a very expensive DNA analysis machine are missing. I believe that the DNA machine costs \$30,000. I find it unconscionable that, at your direction, the DNA lab was dismantled in such a careless and haphazard manner. I intend to notify Ms. Delfeyett. I believe that she would be distressed to hear of the condition of the DNA lab. For all of our sakes, I hope that she may have arranged to store the equipment in another location. If the equipment turns up 'missing'; I will hold you and your administration fully responsible.

Numerous pieces of furniture have been moved in areas throughout the school, classrooms have been 'renovated', equipment and furniture have been thrown out, all due to administrative caprices; leaving many teachers and students 'without'. I openly question your motivations for the disposal of perfectly good furniture. Dumpsters full of desks, chairs, file cabinets, lockers and cabinets were crushed during the first few weeks of school. Why? The same week that chairs and desks were thrown away, a number of classrooms had students standing because there were not enough seats. There was a vague promise that new furniture would be arriving, but none came. Regarding the issue of budgetary efficiency; it was nonsensical to throw away the furniture. When can we expect the replacements?  
I believe that a thorough review of the school budget is in order and I will be requesting that our union representatives inspect the JFK HS 'books'.

Sincerely,

Ms. Natalie Williams

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Robert Colon, Science Department Coordinator; Diane Stillman; UFT Chapter Leader  
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