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VIA ECF

The Honorable Victor Marrero  
United States District Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street New York, NY 10007

Re: ***Coney Island Prep, et al. v. U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, et al.,***  
**No. 1:20 Civ. 9144 (VM)**

Dear Judge Marrero:

We represent Plaintiffs in this matter and write with Defendants' consent to request a 30-day extension of the deadline for Plaintiffs to amend their complaint and Defendants subsequently to respond.

On December 30, 2020, Defendants wrote a pre-motion letter to the court explaining that they intended to move to dismiss Plaintiffs' complaint. Dkt. 48. On January 6, 2021, Plaintiffs responded to that letter saying that they intended to amend the complaint, Dkt. 49, and on January 12, 2021, Plaintiffs wrote to the Court outlining the parties' proposed schedule: that Plaintiffs amend their complaint by February 17, 2021 and Defendants respond 30 days thereafter. Dkt. 50. The following day, the Court so-ordered the proposed schedule. Dkt. 51.

Since then, the parties have conferred further. Some of the obligations that Plaintiffs alleged were not performed by Defendants have since been performed. Others appear to be in progress. Plaintiffs expect that their amended complaint will focus on the remaining outstanding items, and the scope of the complaint may narrow further based on the priorities of the incoming leadership at the defendant agencies. The factual context for the complaint next week likely will be different from the context 30 days thereafter, when Defendants are due to respond. In addition, a key member of Plaintiffs' legal team has an unexpected medical issue and another key member is expecting a child in the coming days.

Therefore, Plaintiffs respectfully request that the current schedule be amended as follows:

1. Plaintiffs file their amended complaint no later than thirty days from February 17, 2021, or the date on which Your Honor so-orders this agreement, whichever comes later.
2. Defendants have thirty days from the filing of the amended complaint to respond, consistent with Your Honor's rules.

We respectfully ask Your Honor to so order the agreement above. Defendants consent to this request.

Respectfully,

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