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The Honorable Darrell Clarke
City Council President
City Hall, Room 490
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Dear Council President Clarke:

This letter is in response to questions raised at the April 29th, 2015 hearing before the Committee of the Whole on the Fiscal Year 2016 proposed budget for the Health Department. The questions were recorded as follows:

From Councilwoman Brown:

1. Which high schools do not offer free condoms to its students and why aren't they?

The only School District of Philadelphia High School that does not have a condom dispenser is the Philadelphia High School for Girls. This was a decision made by the School District, not the Philadelphia Department of Public Health. Condoms are available, however, if requested through the school nurse.

2. How quickly is the Health Department reimbursed by Medicaid and Medicare?

Based on a review of claims submission and payment, on average, Ambulatory Health Services receives reimbursement for Medicaid and Medicare cleanly submitted claims in 14 – 21 days.

3. What services is the Health Department providing to schools by councilmanic district?

The Philadelphia Department of Public Health offers the following services across all council districts:

- All STD Program services, including the STD Screening Program and condom distribution (if the district has a high school)
- Immunization Consultation
- Youth Wellness Councils
- Safe Routes to School

Additionally, the Philadelphia Department of Public Health funds programs in the School District's Health Resource Centers in several councilmanic districts. AccessMatters (formerly the Family Planning Council), in partnership with the School District of Philadelphia and the Philadelphia Department of Health provides confidential school-based places where students can receive counseling and education, condoms, and referrals to community-based providers for sexual and reproductive health services.

Health Resource Centers are located in the following council districts:

- District 1: Mastbaum High School, South Philadelphia High School
- District 2: Bartram High School
- District 3: West Philadelphia High Schools
- District 5: Dobbins High School
- District 7: Edison High School, Frankford High School
- District 8: King High School
- District 10: Northeast High School

4. Has the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation helped fund anything around children and youth?

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation recently awarded a grant of \$20,000 to the Philadelphia Department of Public Health to support a design contest to develop low-cost, kid-friendly structures that engage children creatively in physical activity. Project outcomes include increased awareness by the general public and design professionals of the importance of physical activity and play for children's health; the development of low-cost, sustainable design strategies and prototypes that encourage physical activity; and enhanced physical activity assets in five city neighborhoods with high levels of childhood obesity.

5. Can you provide to the Chair a map of locations where the Safe Routes Philly program is located?

Please see Attachment 1 for this information.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have about the information provided in this response.

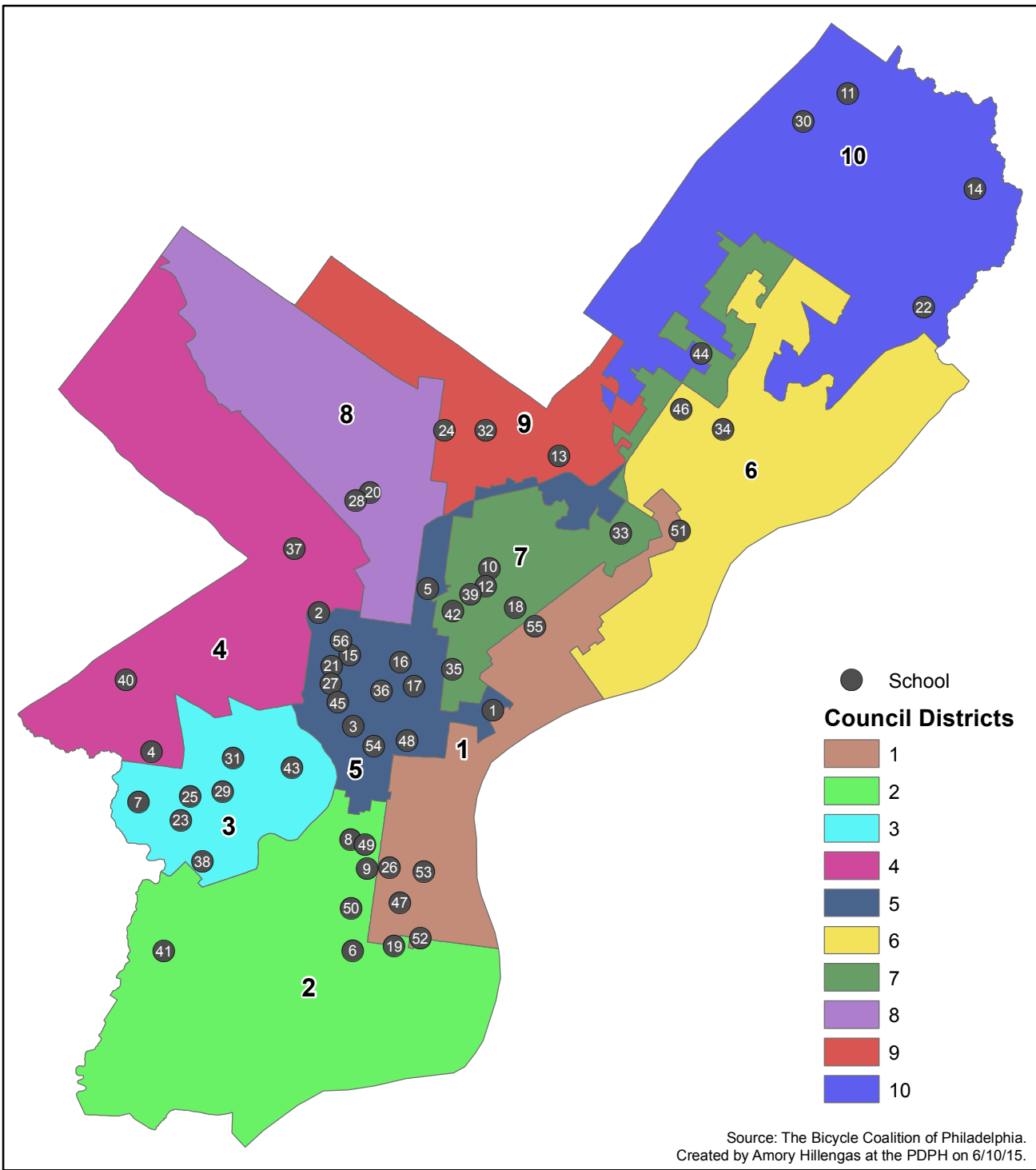
Sincerely,



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Safe Routes to Philly Schools, 2013-2015



District Number	School	ID
1	Jackson, Andrew	26
	Southwark	47
	Taggart	52
	Vare/Washington	53
	Willard	55
2	Bregy	6
	Chester Author	8
	Childs, GW	9
	Fell	19
	Patterson	41
	Stanton, E.M.	49
3	Stephen Girard	50
	Bryant	7
	Harrington	23
	Huey	25
	Lea	29
	Locke, Alain	31
	Mitchell	38
4	Powel	43
	Barry, John	4
	Mifflin	37
5	Overbrooke	40
	Adaire	1
	Allen, Ethel	2
	Bache Martin	3
	Bethune	5
	Dick, William	15
	Duckrey	16
	Dunbar	17
	Gideon	21
	Kelley, WD	27
	Meade	36
	Robert Morris	45
	Spring Garden	48
	Waring	54
Wright, Richard	56	
6	Mayfair	34
	Solis Cohen	46
	Sullivan	51
7	Clemente, Roberto	10
	Cramp	12
	Elkin	18
	Marshall, John	33
	McKinley	35
	Munoz Marin	39
	Potter Thomas	42
Rhawnhurst	44	
8	Fitler	20
	Kelly, John B	28
9	Creighton Universal	13
	Howe	24
	Lowell	32
10	Comly	11
	Decatur, Stephen	14
	Hancock	22
	Loesche	30