

## Dear Parents:

Schools have reopened, millions of kids are back in the classroom, and right behind them is...the flu season.

One of the best ways to stop the spread of flu in school is to keep sick children home; next best is making sure a sick child can be taken home by a parent or guardian.

But all too often parents can't keep a sick child home because their employer won't provide paid sick days, and they can't leave work to come home without losing a day's pay (or worse!).

How big a problem is this? The Community Service Society found that more than 1 million working New Yorkers, including 39% of public school parents, have no paid sick days.

Intro 97-2010, the Paid Sick Time Act, is pending in the New York City Council. It requires employers to let employees earn annual paid sick time; 9 days for larger businesses, and 5 days for smaller businesses.

Let's raise awareness about flu season and the health of our kids, and build support for the Paid Sick Time Act at City Hall on Wednesday, September 29, 2010 at 4:30pm.

# **SUPPORT HEALTHY FAMILIES AND THE NEW YORK CITY PAID SICK TIME ACT**

Join the United Federation of Teachers; DC37 Local 436/United Federation of Nurses and Epidemiologists; A Better Balance: The Work and Family Legal Center; The New York Paid Leave Coalition; New York Communities for Change; Make the Road New York; Working Families Party; Central Labor Council; RWDSU; SEIU 32BJ; UFCW Local 1500; Restaurant Opportunities Center (ROC-NY); MomsRising; and New York City parents and children.

**Wednesday, September 29, 2010, 4:30PM**

## **Steps of City Hall**

City Hall is located in City Hall Park. You can enter the plaza from either the west side of the park at Broadway and Murray Street or the east side at Park Row. You must go through security before entering City Hall so please allow for extra time and bring photo identification.  
By Subway: #4, #5, #6 trains to City Hall/Brooklyn Bridge; #2, #3 trains to Park Place; R trains to City Hall; C, A trains to Chambers Street