

REVISED EDUCATIONAL IMPACT STATEMENT: The Proposed Grade Expansion of Urban Assembly Academy of Arts and Letters (13K492) to a K-8 School

I. Summary of Proposal

Urban Assembly Academy of Arts and Letters (13K492, or “Urban Assembly”) is an existing middle school located at 225 Adelphi Street, Brooklyn, NY, 11205, in Community School District 13. It currently serves students in sixth through eighth grade. Urban Assembly is located in K020, where it is co-located with P.S. 20 Clinton Hill (13K020, or “P.S. 20”). P.S. 20 is an existing elementary school that currently serves students in Kindergarten through fifth grade and offers a Pre-Kindergarten program. A “co-location” means that two or more school organizations are located in the same building and may share common spaces like auditoriums, gymnasiums, and cafeterias.

On October 29, 2010, the Department of Education (“DOE”) issued a proposal to implement a “grade expansion,” meaning that Urban Assembly would expand to serve Kindergarten through eighth grade by 2015-2016. Urban Assembly would be an “unzoned” elementary school, which means that it would admit Kindergarten students from throughout District 13. Future fifth graders enrolled at Urban Assembly would have priority admission to remain at Urban Assembly for sixth grade. Other fifth graders throughout District 13 would continue to be able to apply to attend middle school at Urban Assembly if additional seats remain available. Beginning in 2013-14, Urban Assembly would no longer be a Middle School Choice option for students residing in Districts 14, 15 or 16.

Urban Assembly has a record of strong performance compared with other middle schools in District 13. Since 2007, Urban Assembly has outperformed other District 13 middle schools on annual State mathematics assessments and on annual State English Language Arts assessments. By expanding the grades offered at Urban Assembly, students across District 13 would gain another high quality elementary school option.

Urban Assembly would begin the expansion by enrolling two sections each of Kindergarten and first grade in the 2011-2012 school year. Over a period of five years, additional grade levels would be added as these elementary students aged up and as new Kindergarteners enrolled. In order to ensure that there is adequate space for the new elementary sections, beginning in 2013-14, the incoming sixth grade enrollment will decrease from 4 sections to 2 sections. Expansion would be completed in 2015-2016, when the school would ultimately serve two sections in each grade level (K through 8), for a total of 18 sections.

P.S. 20 is a zoned school¹ that currently serves students in Kindergarten through fifth grade and has a full-day Pre-Kindergarten program. The DOE’s Pre-Kindergarten programs are maintained based on available funding and student enrollment. The DOE does not currently anticipate that the possible expansion of Urban Assembly would affect the Pre-Kindergarten program at P.S. 20.

Currently, elementary students in District 13 can attend their zoned elementary schools or apply to citywide or district-wide Gifted and Talented programs through the Gifted and Talented application process. Under

¹ A student’s zoned school is determined by his or her home address. For your zoned school, please visit the DOE website’s Find A School search function at www.nyc.gov/schools.

this proposal, elementary school students in District 13 would retain all of those options, but they also would gain an unzoned elementary choice to which all elementary school students could have access. As a result, elementary students in District 13 would have more options than in the past. If this expansion proceeds, students would have the opportunity to attend Kindergarten through eighth grade continuously at Urban Assembly.

The proposal to expand Urban Assembly's grade span was initiated by a grade expansion team composed of Urban Assembly teachers and administrators and was made with the support of many of the school's parents and members of the broader community surrounding the school. This suggests a high level of satisfaction with the school and parent confidence that an expanded Urban Assembly would continue to provide a supportive environment and suit the needs of their elementary school students. The application was approved by the Division of Portfolio Planning in October 2010, prompting this formal proposal and vote by the Panel for Educational Policy.

II. Proposed or Potential Use of Building

Urban Assembly is co-located with P.S. 20 in K020. They share the use of rooms such as the cafeteria, auditorium, and gymnasium. There is sufficient space in K020 to accommodate Urban Assembly's proposed expansion. In 2009-2010, K020 had the target capacity to serve 897 students. According to the 2009-2010 audited register, Urban Assembly enrolled 291 students, and P.S. 20 enrolled 366 students, which total 657 students enrolled in the building. Thus, K020 would have a building target utilization rate of approximately 73 percent.² There would be 240 available seats in the building, meaning that there is more than sufficient space in the building to accommodate the additional 140-150 students projected to attend Urban Assembly if the expansion takes place.

Under this proposal, Urban Assembly would begin expansion in 2011-12 by adding two sections each of Kindergarten and first grade. This would result in an overall increase of 100 students in the school in 2011-12. In 2012-2013, Urban Assembly would serve two sections each of Kindergarten through second grade and four sections each of sixth grade through eighth grade. Beginning in 2013-14, the incoming sixth grade enrollment would decrease from four sections to two sections. Urban Assembly would then serve two sections each of Kindergarten through third grade, two sections of sixth grade, and four sections each of seventh grade and eighth grade. Expansion would be completed in 2015-2016, when the school would ultimately serve two sections in each grade level (Kindergarten through eighth grade), for a total of 18 sections and a projected enrollment of 450 students.

² This estimated target utilization rate was calculated by dividing the sum of P.S. 20's and Urban Assembly's audited 2009-2010 enrollment by K020's 2009-2010 target capacity.

The DOE projects that Urban Assembly would enroll approximately 450 students at full scale. At that level, Urban Assembly would utilize only approximately 50% of K020. Details are provided in the table below:

Expected Grade Reconfiguration, over a period of 5 years

	Grade K	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8	Total Estimated Enrollment
2010-11 (current)	-	-	-	-	-	-	110	99	107	316
2011-12	50	50	-	-	-	-	100	100	100	400
2012-13	50	50	50	-	-	-	100	100	100	450
2013-14	50	50	50	50	-	-	50 ³	100	100	450
2014-15	50	50	50	50	50	-	50	50	100	450
2015-16	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	450

To ensure that there continues to be sufficient space in K020 for P.S. 20 and Urban Assembly at its fully expanded scale, beginning in 2013-2014, Urban Assembly would reduce its incoming sixth grade class down to two sections, as it continued to accept two sections of Kindergarten each year. The DOE projects that in subsequent years, Urban Assembly would reduce its middle school enrollment by approximately 150 total students which would allow Urban Assembly to continue expanding at K020. Beginning in 2013-14, middle school enrollment at Urban Assembly would be open to rising sixth graders from District 13. The students from Districts 14, 15, or 16 who might have enrolled at Urban Assembly for sixth grade would be able to enroll at their zoned middle schools or apply to citywide, borough-wide or district-wide middle schools through the middle school choice process. Beginning in 2016-2017 the rising sixth graders enrolled at Urban Assembly would receive priority admission to the school’s middle school grades.

III. Impact of the Proposal on Affected Students, Schools, and Community

A. Students

Urban Assembly’s grade expansion would create approximately 300 total additional elementary school seats in District 13. Urban Assembly would be an “unzoned” elementary school, which means that it would admit Kindergarten students from throughout District 13. As discussed below, this proposal would also expand the number of high-quality elementary school options available in District 13.

Currently, Urban Assembly admits students entering sixth through eighth grade through the District 13, 14, 15 and 16 middle school choice processes. If the proposed expansion is approved, Urban Assembly would remain a school that participates in the District 13 middle school choice process. However, beginning in 2013-14, middle school enrollment at Urban Assembly would be open to rising sixth graders from District 13 only, meaning it would no longer participate in the District 14, 15 or 16 Middle School Choice processes. This means that Urban Assembly would no longer appear in the 2012-2013 Districts 14, 15, or 16 Middle School Choice Directories, which are published and distributed the year prior to the enrollment year. Beginning in 2016-2017, rising sixth graders at Urban Assembly would receive priority admission to the school’s middle school grades, and any remaining seats would be open to other rising sixth graders in District 13 only.

³ As noted above, Urban Assembly would decrease sixth grade enrollment from four sections to two sections in 2013-2014.

The middle schools open to District 13 students through the middle school choice process are listed in the District 13 Middle School Directory, which are updated yearly and available online:

<http://schools.nyc.gov/NR/rdonlyres/3400DA0F-C475-4EA1-AA60-2319CD5B83BD/0/District13MSD.pdf>.

According to an un-audited roster compiled on November 1, 2010, there are approximately 105 total sixth graders currently enrolled at Urban Assembly. Of that number, 3 reside in District 14, 14 reside in District 15, and 20 reside in District 16, for a total of 37 sixth graders enrolled collectively from Districts 14 through 16, representing 35% of the sixth-grade class. The remaining 68 sixth-grade students are residents of District 13 and represent 65% of the total sixth-grade class. As mentioned previously in this document, beginning in 2013-14, Urban Assembly would no longer be a Middle School Choice option for students residing in Districts 14, 15 or 16. In 2013-14, sixth-grade students residing in Districts 14, 15 or 16 that might have attended Urban Assembly for middle school would continue to have the option to attend any middle school listed in their respective Middle School Choice directories that would be printed and distributed in the 2012-2013 school year, when they are in fifth grade. These middle school directories are updated annually, and are available on the DOE's website at

<http://schools.nyc.gov/ChoicesEnrollment/Middle/Publications/Brooklyn>.

Besides Urban Assembly, there are currently eight Department of Education middle schools in District 13 serving students in grades 6-8, one school currently still expanding to its full grade span that serves students in grade 6, one school that serves grades K-8, two schools that serve grades 6-10, and one school that serves grades 6-12. In addition, Achievement First Endeavor Charter School (84K508), serves grades 5-8 and is located in District 13.

Schools Listed in the District 13 2010-2011 Middle School Directory

School	DBN	Grades Served in 2010-2011	2009-2010 Progress Report Grade	2009-2010 % SE	2009-2010 % ELL	Admissions Process
Satellite III	13K103	6-8	C	9	4	District 13 Middle School Choice
M.S. 113 Ronald Edmonds Learning Center	13K113	6-8	C	13	2	District 13 Middle School Choice
M.S. 266 Park Place Community	13K266	6-8	C	3	1	District 13 Middle School Choice
Satellite East Middle School	13K301	6-8	D	9	2	District 13 Middle School Choice
Satellite West Middle School	13K313	6-8	B	13	4	District 13 Middle School Choice
M.S. 571 The Bergen Upper School ⁴	13K571	6-8	D	11	9	District 13 Middle School Choice
Khalil Gibran International Academy	13K592	6-8	C	0	10	District 13 Middle School Choice
Knowledge and Power Preparatory Academy VII Middle School ⁵	13K596	6-8	D	8	4	District 13 Middle School Choice
Academy of Business and Community Development	13K336	6-10	D	11	2	District 13 Middle School Choice
Urban Assembly Institute of Math and Science for Young Women	13K527	6-10	D	7	1	District 13 Middle School Choice; all girls school
Dr. Susan S. McKinney Secondary School of the Arts	13K265	6-12	C	7	2	District 13 Middle School Choice
P.S./M.S. 282 Park Slope	13K282	K-8	B	1	2	District 13 Middle School Choice
Fort Greene Preparatory Academy	13K691	6	NA	NA	NA	District 13 Middle School Choice

⁴ M.S. 571 is under investigation for possible structural intervention.

⁵ Knowledge and Power Preparatory Academy VII Middle School is under investigation for possible structural intervention.

There are currently seven DOE middle schools in District 14 serving students in grades 6-8 and two schools that serve grades 6-12.

Schools Listed in the District 14 2010-2011 Middle School Directory

School	DBN	Grades Served in 2010-2011	2009-2010 Progress Report Grade	2009-2010 % SE	2009-2010 % ELL	Admissions Process
J.H.S. 50 John D. Wells	14K050	6-8	B	13	24	District 14 Middle School Choice
John Ericsson Middle School 126	14K126	6-8	B	18	20	District 14 Middle School Choice
I.S. 318 Eugenio Maria de Hostos	14K318	6-8	C	5	6	District 14 Middle School Choice
The Urban Assembly School for the Urban Environment	14K330	6-8	C	15	4	District 14 Middle School Choice
Conselyea Preparatory School	14K577	6-8	B	5	5	District 14 Middle School Choice
M.S. 582	14K582	6-8	B	9	10	District 14 Middle School Choice
Young Women's Leadership School of Brooklyn ⁶	14K614	6-8	C	15	6	District 14 Middle School Choice
Juan Morel Campos Secondary School	14K071	6-12	B	15	23	District 14 Middle School Choice
Lyons Community School	14K586	6-12	C	11	11	District 14 Middle School Choice

There are currently seven DOE middle schools in District 15 serving students in grades 6-8 and five schools that serve grades 6-12.

Schools Listed in the District 15 2010-2011 Middle School Directory

School	DBN	Grades Served in 2010-2011	2009-2010 Progress Report Grade	2009-2010 % SE	2009-2010 % ELL	Admissions Process
M.S. 51 William Alexander	15K051	6-8	A	8	1	District 15 Middle School Choice
J.H.S. 88 Peter Rouget	15K088	6-8	B	15	12	District 15 Middle School Choice
I.S. 136 Charles O. Dewey	15K136	6-8	C	10	35	District 15 Middle School Choice
New Horizons School	15K442	6-8	B	37	8	District 15 Middle School Choice
New Voices School of Academic & Creative Arts	15K443	6-8	A	8	3	District 15 Middle School Choice
The Math & Science Exploratory School	15K447	6-8	A	10	2	District 15 Middle School Choice
Sunset Park Prep	15K821	6-8	A	11	10	District 15 Middle School Choice
Brooklyn School for Global Studies	15K429	6-12	B	21	6	District 15 Middle School Choice
Brooklyn Secondary School for Collaborative Studies	15K448	6-12	B	25	5	District 15 Middle School Choice
Secondary School for Law	15K462	6-12	C	10	5	District 15 Middle School Choice
Secondary School for Journalism	15K463	6-12	C	6	16	District 15 Middle School Choice
Secondary School for Research	15K464	6-12	B	9	11	District 15 Middle School Choice

⁶ Young Women's Leadership School of Brooklyn is an all-girls school.

There are currently six DOE middle schools in District 16 serving students in grades 6-8, one elementary school that serves grades K-6, one school that serves grades K-8, and one school that serves grades 6-12.

Schools Listed in the District 16 2010-2011 Middle School Directory

School	DBN	Grades Served in 2010-2011	2009-2010 Progress Report Grade	2009-2010 % SE	2009-2010 % ELL	Admissions Process
M.S. 35 Stephen Decatur	16K035	6-8	A	15	0	District 16 Middle School Choice
J.H.S. 57 Whitelaw Reid	16K057	6-8	C	12	3	District 16 Middle School Choice
M.S. 267 Math, Science & Technology	16K267	6-8	B	16	4	District 16 Middle School Choice
School of Business, Finance and Entrepreneurship	16K385	6-8	A	23	8	District 16 Middle School Choice
Upper School @ P.S. 25	16K534	6-8	C	20	3	District 16 Middle School Choice
M.S. 584	16K584	6-8	C	10	3	District 16 Middle School Choice
P.S. 262 El Hajj Malik El Shabazz (ES)	16K262	K-6	A	10	1	District 16 Middle School Choice
P.S. 308 Clara Cardwell	16K308	K-8	C	15	3	District 16 Middle School Choice
Frederick Douglas Academy IV Secondary School	16K393	6-12	F	10	2	District 16 Middle School Choice

In addition, students will continue to have access to a range of middle school options for Brooklyn borough-wide and city-wide middle schools.

Brooklyn Borough-wide and Citywide Middle Schools

School	DBN	Grades Served in 2010-2011	2009-2010 Progress Report Grade	2009-2010 % SE	2009-2010 % ELL	Address
New Explorations into Science, Technology, and Math High School	01M539	K-12	A	0%	0%	111 Columbia Street, Manhattan
Institute for Collaborative Education	02M407	6-12	C	0%	1%	345 East 15 Street, Manhattan
Professional Performing Arts High School	02M408	6-12	A	0%	1%	328 West 48 Street, Manhattan
Ballet Tech, NYC Public School for Dance	02M442	4-8	C	0%	7%	890 Broadway, Manhattan
The Anderson School	03M334	K-8	A	0%	1%	100 West 77 Street, Manhattan
Tag Young Scholars	04M012	K-8	A	0%	0%	240 East 109 Street, Manhattan
Young Women's Leadership School of Brooklyn	14K614	6-8	C	15%	6%	223 Graham Avenue, Brooklyn
Science, Technology and Research Early College High School at Erasmus	17K543	6-12	C	0%	0%	911 Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn
Medgar Evers College Preparatory School	17K590	6-12	B	0%	0%	1186 Carroll Street, Brooklyn
P.S. 235 Lenox School	18K235	K-8	B	2%	1%	525 Lenox Road, Brooklyn
Urban Assembly School for Criminal Justice ⁷	20K609	6-9	B	6%	11%	4200 16 Avenue, Brooklyn

⁷ Urban Assembly School for Criminal Justice is an all-girls school.

Mark Twain I.S. 239 for the Gifted & Talented	21K239	6-8	A	2%	2%	2401 Neptune Avenue, Brooklyn
Brooklyn College Academy	22K555	7-12	B	0%	0%	2900 Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn
Brooklyn Collegiate: A College Board School	23K493	6-12	D	4%	1%	2021 Bergen Street, Brooklyn
KAPPA V	23K518	6-8	C	14%	1%	985 Rockaway Avenue, Brooklyn
Mott Hall IV	23K522	6-8	C	5%	1%	1137 Herkimer Street, Brooklyn
Eagle Academy for Young Men II	23K644	6-8	A	16%	2%	1137 Herkimer Street, Brooklyn
Teachers Preparatory High School	23K697	6-12	C	7%	2%	226 Bristol Street, Brooklyn
J.H.S. 383 Philippa Schuyler	32K383	5-8	C	4%	1%	1300 Greene Avenue, Brooklyn

The DOE does not anticipate that the proposed grade expansion would impact students with disabilities or English Language Learners (“ELLs”). Urban Assembly would continue to meet the needs of its students with disabilities and ELL students in all grades. As the school grows to serve younger students, students in Kindergarten through fifth grade with Individual Education Plans (“IEPs”) or requiring ELL services would also be appropriately served by the school.

P.S. 20 is a zoned elementary school that currently serves students in Kindergarten through fifth grade and has a full-day pre-Kindergarten program. The DOE’s Pre-Kindergarten programs are maintained based on available funding and student enrollment. The DOE does not currently anticipate that the possible expansion of Urban Assembly would affect the Pre-Kindergarten program at P.S. 20.

B. Schools

Urban Assembly is co-located with P.S. 20 at K020. The DOE anticipates that there will be sufficient space in the building for both P.S. 20 and an expanded Urban Assembly to operate at full capacity if the expansion occurs.

The Director of Space Planning conducted a building survey on October 13, 2010, and determined that K020 has 45 full-size rooms⁸ and 7 half-size rooms⁹, 1 science demo room, as well as 1.5 full-size rooms for general office space, for a total of 51 Full-Size Equivalent (FSE) rooms.

According to the unaudited register compiled on November 1, 2010, P.S. 20 has approximately 339 total students enrolled in Kindergarten through fifth grade, and offers a Pre-Kindergarten program. These students are served in 13 general education/Collaborative Team Teaching sections, one self-contained class, and one full-day Pre-Kindergarten class. P.S. 20 is currently allocated 28 full-size rooms, 3 half-size rooms, and 1.5 full-size room for general office space, for a total of 31 Full-Size Equivalent (FSE) rooms. However, according to the DOE’s Instructional Footprint (the “Footprint”), P.S. 20 requires only 17 full-size rooms, 3 half-size rooms, and 3 full size rooms for general office space, for a total of 21.5 FSE rooms. This indicates that P.S. 20 is currently a total of 9.5 FSE rooms above the baseline Footprint allocation.

According to the unaudited register compiled on November 1, 2010, Urban Assembly has approximately 307 students enrolled in sixth through eighth grade. These students are served in 12 general education/Collaborative Team Teaching sections. Urban Assembly is currently allocated 16 full-size rooms, 2 half-size rooms, 1 Science demo room, and 1 full size room for general office space, for a total of 19 FSE rooms. According to the Footprint, Urban Assembly requires 12 full-size rooms, 1 half-size room, 1 science demo room, and 3 full-size equivalent rooms for administrative use, for a total of 16.5 FSE rooms. This indicates that Urban Assembly is currently allocated 2.5 FSE rooms above the baseline footprint allocation.

⁸ A room is considered “full size” if it is 500 square feet or larger.

⁹ A room is considered “half size” if it is between 240 and 299 square feet.

If the proposed grade expansion occurs, the current Footprint would allocate Urban Assembly a total of 21 full-size, 2 half-size, and 3 full size rooms for general office space in the 2015-16 school year, or a grand total of 25 FSE rooms. This means that Urban Assembly would require an additional 6 FSE rooms on top of their current allocation. This would leave sufficient rooms for each school’s basic needs, with 3.5 FSE rooms available to be allocated equitably between the schools. Additional rooms in the building are utilized as shared spaces utilized for the School Based Support Team (SBST), nurse’s office, custodian office, computer lab, and keyboard room.

Beginning in 2013-2014, Urban Assembly would reduce its incoming sixth grade class down to two sections, as they continue to accept two sections of Kindergarten. The DOE projects that, in subsequent years, Urban Assembly would reduce its middle school enrollment by approximately 40-50 students, which would allow Urban Assembly to continue expanding at K020. The need for dedicated toilets for Kindergarten and first grade students, per Department of Health requirements, is being investigated.

Though more students would occupy K020 as a result of this proposal, there would continue to be sufficient space to serve students in K020 pursuant to the Footprint after the grade expansion is completed. Please visit the DOE’s website to access the Footprint, which guides space allocation and use in City schools: http://schools.nyc.gov/NR/rdonlyres/8CF30F41-DE25-4C30-92DE-731949919FC3/87633/NYCDOE_Instructional_Footprint_Final9210TNT.pdf.

C. Community

The DOE supports parent choice and strives to ensure that all families have access to high-quality schools that meet their children’s needs. This proposed grade expansion is intended to increase access to high-quality elementary school options for all students in District 13.

A grade expansion team composed of members of the Urban Assembly faculty and administration, with the support of many of the school’s parents and members of the broader community surrounding the school, submitted a formal application to the DOE requesting this grade expansion. Parents from the broader community submitted letters of support for the application. This suggests a high level of satisfaction with the existing middle school and confidence that an expanded Urban Assembly would continue to provide a supportive environment and suit the needs of their elementary school students.

Urban Assembly has a record of strong performance compared with other middle schools in District 13. Since 2007, Urban Assembly has outperformed other District 13 middle schools on annual State mathematics and English Language Arts (“ELA”) assessments. By expanding the grades offered at Urban Assembly, students across District 13 would have increased access and options for another high quality elementary school.

	DBN	Subject	2008 (% 3+4)	2009 (% 3+4)	2010 (% 3+4) ¹⁰
Urban Assembly	13K492	ELA	77 %	81 %	49 %
	13K492	Math	77 %	77 %	48 %

¹⁰ In 2010, the New York State Education Department recalibrated “cut scores” on annual mathematics and ELA exams, raising the score required for students to achieve Level 3 or higher on the exam. As a result, the percent of students achieving proficiency fell significantly at schools statewide, including most New York City schools. While the percent of students achieving proficiency declined significantly at Urban Assembly, this pattern mirrored trends citywide. Students’ raw scores on the tests remained largely unchanged relative to the prior year.

While the DOE acknowledges that there are notable differences between an elementary school and a middle school, the DOE is confident that Urban Assembly is well-positioned for the proposed grade expansion based on the school’s strong culture and leadership, performance history, and solid connections to the community.

The creation of 300 total Kindergarten through fifth grade elementary school seats at Urban Assembly could potentially decrease enrollment at existing elementary schools since admissions for Urban Assembly would be open to all District 13 students. The table below lists the number of current sixth grade students enrolled at Urban Assembly, arranged according to their District 13 zoned elementary school, and the schools’ projected total enrollment for 2010-2011. The DOE expects that the enrollment impact upon these fifteen District 13 elementary schools would be minimal because:

- Urban Assembly currently enrolls sixth grade students from a number of District 13 zoned elementary schools in relatively small numbers (5 students or less each);
- Urban Assembly, if the proposal is approved, would be an unzoned elementary school; and
- Urban Assembly would have only two Kindergarten sections for a total of 50 Kindergarten seats.
- The expansion of Urban Assembly would not negatively impact any one specific elementary school (s).

School	Elementary DBN	Projected K-5 Enrollment in 2010-2011	Number of Urban Assembly Sixth Graders Zoned to the Elementary DBN
P.S. 9 Teunis G. Bergen	13K009	495	5
P.S. 56 Lewis H. Latimer	13K056	291	5
P.S. 256 Benjamin Banneker	13K256	345	4
P.S. 8 Robert Fulton	13K008	523	3
P.S. 11 Purvis J. Behan	13K011	563	3
P.S. 305 Dr. Peter Ray	13K305	315	3
P.S. 20 Clinton Hill	13K020	345	2
P.S. 44 Marcus Garvey	13K044	393	1
P.S. 46 Edward C. Blum	13K046	349	1
P.S. 54 Samuel C. Barnes	13K054	254	1
P.S. 67 Charles A. Dorsey	13K067	198	1
P.S. 93 William H. Prescott	13K093	347	1
P.S. 270 Johann DeKalb	13K270	216	1
P.S. 282 Park Slope	13K282	855	1
P.S. 307 Daniel Hale Williams	13K307	257	1

Based on historic patterns, enrollment at other District 13 elementary schools would not be significantly impacted by the proposed expansion at Urban Assembly. Providing parents with an additional high quality choice elementary school will have a greater positive impact on district families, compared to the minimal enrollment decrease that might be experienced by other District 13 elementary schools. Additionally, approximately 23%¹¹ of total elementary students who reside in District 13 currently elect to attend school in another district. Creating an additional high quality district elementary school option may work to support enrollment within the district.

Enrollment at P.S. 20 would not be significantly impacted by the proposed expansion at Urban Assembly. According to P.S. 20’s un-audited register on November 1, 2010, approximately 46% of the total students enrolled at P.S. 20 are residents of the P.S. 20 zone. This means that approximately 54% of the remaining student enrollment at P.S. 20 is comprised of students residing in other school zones. This enrollment trend is not expected to change. In fact, the continued collaboration between the two organizations may support enrollment at both organizations, as well as benefiting the broader District 13 community. For example,

¹¹ Excludes charter school enrollment

joint fundraising efforts have resulted in enhancements to the existing shared spaces, such as the auditorium, a community garden and the school yard for use as a community plaza.

As mentioned previously in this document, a total of 37¹² sixth-grade students residing in Districts 14, 15, and 16 are enrolled in sixth grade at Urban Assembly; and a total of 68¹³ sixth-grade students residing in District 13 are enrolled in sixth grade at Urban Assembly. If the proposal is approved, beginning in 2013-14, the incoming sixth grade enrollment would decrease from four sections (approximately 100 seats) to two sections (approximately 50 seats) to allow room for the grade expansion, and would be open to District 13 students only. Given historic enrollment patterns, the impact of this enrollment change will have a minimal impact on the number of middle school seats at Urban Assembly available to residents of District 13.

If the proposal is approved, beginning in the 2013-2014 school year, Urban Assembly would no longer be a Middle School choice option for students residing in Districts 14, 15, or 16. All current Urban Assembly middle school students from any of those districts may remain enrolled through the completion of eighth grade.

District 14, 15, and 16 students who may have chosen to attend Urban Assembly would continue to be able to choose from other high-quality middle school options in their home districts listed on pages 5-7, in addition to the borough-wide and citywide middle school options available to them. While the DOE acknowledges that the decrease in middle school seats at Urban Assembly will decrease and remove a high quality middle school option from some students, the total loss of 150 high quality sixth through eighth grade seats at Urban Assembly is mitigated by the addition of 300 total Kindergarten through fifth grade seats, and by extending an additional high quality choice option into the elementary grades where comparatively fewer district choice options exist outside of zoned schools. In this proposal, Urban Assembly would have 50 available sixth-grade seats for District 13 students beginning in 2013-14. Given that there are currently 68 sixth graders from District 13 enrolled at Urban Assembly, the decrease in middle school seats available to District 13 students would be minimal.

Urban Assembly has a strong record of performance, strong culture and connection to the community, which will extend those benefits to elementary students at an earlier stage. If the proposal is approved, the reduction of sixth grade sections at Urban Assembly would not significantly impact middle school capacity in Districts 13, 14, 15 or 16. The middle seat capacity and projected enrollment in Districts 13, 14, 15 and 16 are listed in the chart below.

2009-2010 Middle School Seat Capacity and Projected Enrollment

	Total Middle School Seat Capacity	Total Middle School Projected Enrollment	Seat Capacity Minus Projected Enrollment Surplus	Enrollment/Seat Capacity Percentage
District 13	1,663	1,040	+ 623	63%
District 14	1,891	1,377	+ 514	73%
District 15	2,244	1,704	+ 540	76%
District 16	1,214	654	+ 560	54%

This proposal is not expected to impact the ability of community members and organizations to obtain school building use permits at K020.

¹² From the unaudited November 1, 2010 register

¹³ From the unaudited November 1, 2010 register

IV. Enrollment, Admissions and School Performance Information

The only directly impacted schools in this proposal are Urban Assembly and P.S. 20. As detailed above, other elementary schools in District 13 may see slight decreases in enrollment as a result of the addition of elementary school grades at P.S. Urban Assembly Academy of Arts and Letters. Also, middle schools in Districts 14, 15, and 16 may see slight increases in enrollment as a result of Urban Assembly’s reduction of sixth grade sections.

Urban Assembly

Admissions Data

Current Admissions	6-8: District 13, 14, 15, and 16 Middle School Choice
Admissions after Grade Reconfiguration is Completed	K-5: District 13 Unzoned 6-8: District 13 Middle School Choice ¹⁴ ; Priority to continuing fifth graders

Enrollment Data

Current Grades Served	6-8
Projected 2010-2011 Enrollment	316
Grades Served after Grade Reconfiguration in 2011-2012	K-1, 6-8
Projected 2011-2012 Enrollment	400
Grades Served after Grade Reconfiguration in 2012-2013	K-2, 6-8
Projected 2012-2013 Enrollment	450
Grades Served after Grade Reconfiguration in 2013-2014	K-3, 6-8
Projected 2013-2014 Enrollment:	450 ¹⁵
Grades Served after Grade Reconfiguration in 2014-2015	K-4, 6-8
Projected 2014-2015 Enrollment:	450
Grades Served after Grade Reconfiguration is Completed in 2015-2016	K-8
Projected 2015-2016 Enrollment:	450

¹⁴ As noted above, Urban Assembly would decrease sixth grade enrollment from four sections to two sections in 2013-2014.

¹⁵ As noted above, Urban Assembly would decrease sixth grade enrollment from four sections to two sections in 2013-2014.

Demographic Data¹⁶

Percentage Students with Disabilities (2009-2010)	13%
Percentage English Language Learner Students (2009-2010)	1%
Percentage of Students with Free/Reduced Meals (2009-2010)	64%

School Performance Data

	2008-2009	2009-2010	Website
Progress Report Scores	B	B	http://schools.nyc.gov/SchoolPortals/13/K492/AboutUs/Statistics
ELA Score (% Level 3 and 4)	81%	49%	http://schools.nyc.gov/SchoolPortals/13/K492/AboutUs/Statistics
Math Score (% Level 3 and 4)	77%	48%	http://schools.nyc.gov/SchoolPortals/13/K492/AboutUs/Statistics
Accountability Status	In Good Standing	In Good Standing	http://schools.nyc.gov/SchoolPortals/13/K492/AboutUs/Statistics
Average Attendance	96%	94%	http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/data/stats/attendance

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Admissions Data

Current Admissions	<p>Pre-Kindergarten: Standard Universal Pre-K Admissions Process</p> <p>K-5: Zoned</p>
Admissions after Grade Reconfiguration is Completed	<p>Pre-Kindergarten: Standard Universal Pre-K Admissions Process</p> <p>K-5: Zoned</p>

Enrollment Data

Current Grades Served	K-5 ¹⁷
Projected 2010-2011 Enrollment	345

¹⁶ Data regarding the percentage of students with disabilities, ELL students, and students who qualified for free or reduced-price meals were taken from the audited October 31, 2009 register of students.

¹⁷ In addition, as discussed above, P.S. 20 also houses a Pre-Kindergarten program that would be unaffected by the proposed grade expansion. Projected Pre-Kindergarten enrollment is not included in the total projected enrollment figures above.

Demographic Data¹⁸

Percentage Students with Disabilities (2009-2010)	6%
Percentage English language learner Students (2009-2010)	2%
Percentage of Students with Free/Reduced Meals (2009-2010)	66%

School Performance Data

	2008-2009	2009-2010	Website
Progress Report Scores	A	C	http://schools.nyc.gov/SchoolPortals/13/K020/AboutUs/Statistics
ELA Score (% Level 3 and 4)	74%	36%	http://schools.nyc.gov/SchoolPortals/13/K020/AboutUs/Statistics
Math Score (% Level 3 and 4)	91%	38%	http://schools.nyc.gov/SchoolPortals/13/K020/AboutUs/Statistics
Accountability Status	In Good Standing	In Good Standing	http://schools.nyc.gov/SchoolPortals/13/K020/AboutUs/Statistics
Average Attendance	92%	93%	http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/data/stats/attendance

V. Initial Costs and Savings

Urban Assembly would receive a one-time award of approximately \$4,000 during the first year of the grade expansion to help offset the costs of materials, such as new furniture and supplies, needed to support the additional grades. This figure is estimated based on current funding allocations awarded to schools undergoing grade expansions, and is subject to some annual variation. Going forward, annual replacement of furniture and other materials needed at the school will be funded out of the school’s general supply budget, as is the case with all schools citywide.

VI. Effect on Personnel Needs, Costs of Instruction, Administration, Transportation and Other Support Services

A. Personnel Needs

Urban Assembly would need to hire additional teachers during each year of the grade expansion as the total number of students enrolled in the school increases over each of the next three years. The precise number of positions needed for the 2011-2012 school year would be determined once annual enrollment projections are released in the spring of 2011. Similarly, the number of new positions created to serve students in Kindergarten through fifth grade would be determined based on annual enrollment projections available as the school grows to serve those grades. It is worth noting that teachers working in elementary schools typically hold a 1-6 Common Branch license. Teachers working with older students in seventh and eighth grade must hold secondary licenses with appropriate subject-area specialization. The school would continue to hire appropriately licensed and credentialed teachers to work with its students as it expands to serve middle-grade students.

¹⁸ Data regarding the percentage of students with disabilities, ELL students, and students who qualified for free or reduced-price meals were taken from the audited October 31, 2009 register of students.

Administrative staff and non-pedagogical positions at Urban Assembly may also be added over the course of the grade reconfiguration. Those decisions would be made at the school based on need and budgetary considerations.

B. Cost of Instruction

Once the grade expansion is implemented, Urban Assembly is expected to receive approximately \$202,985.50 in total additional funding annually based on projected increases in total enrollment. These estimates are based on current Fair Student Funding (FSF) per capita allocation levels and are subject to annual variation. FSF covers basic instructional expenses and FSF funds may, at the school's discretion, be used to hire staff, purchase supplies and materials, or implement instructional programs. As the total number of students enrolled grows, the overall budget will increase accordingly, allowing the school to meet the instructional needs of its larger student population.

In addition, FSF awards supplemental allocations on a per pupil basis for students who have additional needs and therefore cost more to educate. For example, during the 2010-2011 school year, schools received an additional \$1,623 per pupil for each English Language Learner they enrolled. It is difficult to project the total supplemental funding that Urban Assembly will receive with its expanded size because future students' achievement levels and needs cannot be predicted for each of the next five years, but the school will be awarded supplemental funding for higher-need students according to the same formula as all other schools citywide, ensuring that funds are in place to meet those students' needs.

As with all other schools citywide, Urban Assembly may receive additional "categorical" funding based on student characteristics and needs. For example, federal Title I funding is awarded to schools based on the proportion of low-income students they enroll. Urban Assembly is currently a Title I school. Assuming that the school continues to meet Title I criteria, the school's Title I funding award would grow as the school population grows.

While schools do receive supplemental support for students with disabilities through Fair Student Funding, that only represents part of the funding provided to support those students. Schools are budgeted to meet the needs of their students with disabilities as defined by their Individual Education Plans (IEP). As Urban Assembly expands, funding will continue to be provided to meet the needs of all students with disabilities in accordance with their IEPs.

Please note that increased or reduced per capita funds allocated to the school as a result of this proposal do not represent net/incremental system costs. All dollar amounts are based on FY10 allocations and are subject to annual variation based on adjustments to the DOE's overall operating budget.

C. Administration

Urban Assembly may hire school supervisory and/or administrative personnel as needed as a result of its grade expansion.

D. Transportation

Transportation will be provided according to Chancellor's regulation A-801: <http://schools.nyc.gov/NR/rdonlyres/21A1B11A-886B-4F74-9546-E875EE82A14C/40303/A801.pdf>. There will be no change to existing transportation practices at Urban Assembly or P.S. 20 due to this proposal.

E. Other Support Services

Other support services will continue to be provided consistent with citywide policy.

VII. Building Information

Building	K020
Type of Building	Elementary School
Year Built	1951
Overall BCAS rating	2.93 out of 5
2009-2010 Target Building Utilization	73%
2009-2010 Target Building Capacity	897
FY 2010 Maintenance Costs	Labor: \$3,030.63 Materials: \$1,287.39 Maintenance and repair contracts: \$49,193.58 Custodial operations costs—Materials: \$0.00 Custodial operations costs—Custodial Allocation: \$396,638.00
FY 2009 Energy Costs	Electric: \$81,197.28 Gas: \$2,775.00 Oil: \$75,903.00
Projects completed during the current or prior school year	Science lab constructed, auditorium floor repaired, and desktop computers purchased
Projects proposed in the capital plan	No projects identified
Accessibility of the building	Not accessible
Building attributes	An auditorium, a cafeteria, a gymnasium, a library, a computer room, and two art rooms