

Educational Impact Statement

New Charter School Siting: Lefferts Garden Charter School Siting in 17K092

I. Summary of Proposal

Lefferts Garden Charter School ("Lefferts Garden"), a new public school, will open in school building K092 (hereinafter referred to as "K092") in 2010-2011 and will remain until the construction of a private facility to which it will eventually move is completed. Lefferts Garden will open in 2010-2011 serving grades kindergarten and 1 with an enrollment of 90-110 students. An additional grade will be added each school year until the school reaches its full K-5 grade scale in 2014-2015. At scale, Lefferts Garden will have an enrollment of 300-350 students.

K092 is located at 601 Parkside Avenue, Brooklyn in Community School District 17 ("District 17"). K092 currently houses P.S. 92 Adrian Hegeman (17K092, "P.S. 92"), an existing school serving grades Pre-Kindergarten-5. P.S. 92 will remain in K092 at its current grade configuration and will be co-located with Lefferts Garden until the construction of a private facility is completed. K092 has a capacity of 1,060 and its 2008-2009 target utilization rate was 60%. K092 has sufficient space for P.S. 92 and Lefferts Garden to operate at full organizational capacity and for Lefferts Garden to reach its full grade scale.

The New York Charter Schools Act enables the creation of charter schools, which are independently run and publicly funded.

The Charter Schools Act states that charter schools shall be held to "performance-based" accountability systems and must meet measurable student achievement results. The DOE and the State University of New York (SUNY) hold schools they authorize to a minimum standard of 75% of students achieving proficiency.

This proposal addresses the need to provide high quality elementary school options throughout District 17 and will help alleviate overcrowding in elementary schools in the Flatbush / Prospect Park South neighborhood.

I. Enrollment, Admissions, and School Performance for P.S. 92

A. Enrollment

Current Grades Served:	PreK-5
Current Enrollment (As of 10/31/2009 ATS Unaudited Register):	631

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Grades Served 2010-2011:	PreK-5
Projected 2010-2011 Enrollment:	600-650

B. Admissions

PreK students enter P.S. 92 through the citywide process. K-5 admissions are zoned.

C. School Performance

Progress Report Grades

2007-2008:	B
2008-2009:	A

Math Score (2008-2009):	75.6% of students scored at Level 3 or 4
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English Language Arts Score (2008-2009):	58.1% of students scored at Level 3 or 4
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Quality Review Scores

2007-2008:	Well Developed
2008-2009:	N/A

Accountability Status

Overall Federal Status (2008-2009):	In Good Standing
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Overall State Status (2008-2009):	In Good Standing
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Status with Differentiated Accountability (2009-2010):	In Good Standing
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To access school performance and accountability information for P.S. 92, please visit <http://schools.nyc.gov/SchoolPortals/17/K092/AboutUs/Statistics>.

Average Attendance (2008-2009):	91.7%
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To access copies of the Attendance Reports for P.S. 92, please visit <http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/data/stats/attendance>.

II. Proposed or Potential Use of K092

In September 2010, Lefferts Garden will open in K092 and co-locate with P.S. 92 until the construction of a private facility is completed. Lefferts Garden will gradually phase-in one grade per year until it reaches its full grade scale of K-5. In 2010-2011, Lefferts Garden will serve K-1 with an enrollment of approximately 90-110 students. At scale, the projected enrollment of Lefferts Garden will be 300-350 students.

III. Impact of the Proposed Co-Location on the Community, Existing Schools and Students

A. Community Ramifications

The opening and eventual full phase-in of Lefferts Garden will create approximately 300-350 K-5 seats in District 17. These additional seats will help alleviate overcrowding in District 17 schools and provide an additional high quality K-5 option to District 17 families.

B. Existing Schools

During the course of Lefferts Garden phase-in, all schools will have sufficient instructional space to serve students in P.S. 92 as per the citywide instructional footprint. A space plan for all schools in the building will be developed based on the standard instructional footprint. Decisions regarding the programming of shared spaces in P.S. 92 will be made by school leaders.

To access the citywide instructional footprint, please visit the New York City Department of Education's ("DOE") Web site at http://schools.nyc.gov/NR/rdonlyres/8CF30F41-DE25-4C30-92DE-731949919FC3/65901/NYCDOE_Instructional_Footprint_revisedMay2009_noco.pdf.

C. Students

Pursuant to New York State Education Law, Lefferts Garden will admit students via lottery. All students eligible for grades kindergarten and 1 in September 2010, will have the opportunity to apply to Lefferts Garden for a September 2010 seat through the school's lottery process. In accordance with state law, District 17 residents will be given priority in the charter school lottery process.

No P.S. 92 students will be displaced as a result of Lefferts Garden co-locating with P.S. 92 in K092. While the two schools will have to share certain common spaces in the building, there will continue to be sufficient space in K092 to serve all P.S. 92 students. As noted above, before the start of the 2010-2011 school year, a space plan for the building will be created and building leaders will determine the programming of the shared spaces.

IV. Initial Costs and Savings

No initial costs or savings are anticipated as a result of this proposal.

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

A. Personnel

No impacts on P.S. 92 personnel are anticipated as a result of this proposal.

New administrative staff and non-pedagogical positions will be created at Lefferts Garden over the course of the school's phase-in.

Lefferts Garden is expected to hire additional teachers as each new grade is added.

B. Costs of Instruction

To cover its costs of instruction, Lefferts Garden, like all charter schools, will receive a share of state foundation aid appropriated to New York City based upon New York State Per Pupil Allocation (PPA) rate.

The costs of instruction at P.S. 92 will not be impacted its co-location with Lefferts Garden in K092. P.S. 92 will continue to receive annual per capita funding.

C. Administration

Lefferts Garden is expected to hire school supervisors and/or administrator personnel as needed.

D. Transportation

The co-location of Lefferts Garden and P.S. 92 will have no effect on transportation services offered to students at P.S. 92. Throughout the course of the phase-in of Lefferts Garden, transportation will continue to be provided pursuant to Chancellor's Regulation A-801. To access Chancellor's Regulation A-801, please visit the DOE's Web site at <http://schools.nyc.gov/RulesPolicies/ChancellorsRegulations>.

E. Other Support Services

The co-location of Lefferts Garden and P.S. 92 will have no effect on other support services offered to students at P.S. 92. Other support services will continue to be provided consistent with citywide policy.

VI. Building Information

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A. Building Type, Age and Physical Condition

P.S. 92 is an elementary school building that was built in 1906. The building received an overall rating of 2.52 out of 5 on the 2008-2009 Building Condition Assessment Survey (“BCAS”). To view the key for BCAS ratings, please visit <http://schools.nyc.gov/Documents/BCAS/BCAS%20Key.pdf>.

To view the 2008-2009 BCAS Report for K092, please visit <http://schools.nyc.gov/community/facilities/BFIS>.

2008-2009 Target capacity:	1,060
2008-2009 Target utilization rate:	60 %

The utilization and capacity information is from the Enrollment, Capacity and Utilization Report which is the standard by which the DOE measures the maximum capacity of the building compared to the enrollment. To access the Enrollment, Capacity and Utilization Report, please visit <http://schools.nyc.gov/Offices/SCA/Reports/CapPlan>.

B. Fiscal Year 2009 Maintenance Costs

Labor:	\$14,275.00
Materials:	\$2,803.00
Maintenance and Repair Contracts:	\$8,737.00
Service Contracts:	\$408.00
Custodial Operations	
Materials:	\$7,832.00
Custodial Allocation:	\$286,068.00

C. Fiscal Year 2009 Energy Costs

Electric:	\$81,436.00
Gas:	\$85,882.00
Oil:	\$13,001.00

D. Recent and Planned Improvements

Recent improvements to K092 include windows lintels/roof improvements in FY 2009.

E. Special Features

The building has an auditorium, cafeteria, computer room, gymnasium and library.

