

Educational Impact Statement

Co-location of Community Partnership Charter School (84K702) with Existing School P.S. 256 Benjamin Banneker (13K256) in School Building K256

I. Summary of Proposal

Pending final approval of its grade expansion application by the State University of New York State Board of Trustees, the school's authorizer, Community Partnership Charter School (84K702, "Community Partnership"), an existing public school serving grades Kindergarten-5, will implement a grade reconfiguration plan to change its current grade configuration to Kindergarten-8. The State University of New York Board of Trustees will vote on the proposed grade expansion at their January 15, 2010 meeting, Community Partnership is currently housed in school building K270 (hereinafter referred to as "K270"), located at 241 Emerson Place, Brooklyn in Community School District 13. If the grade expansion is approved, Community Partnership will in September 2010, move its grade 5 to a building in District 13, school building K256 (hereinafter referred to as "K256") located at 114 Kosciusko Street. Grade 6 will be added in 2010-2011 and will also be served in K256. Community Partnership will continue to add one grade per year at K256 until it reaches its full K-8 grade scale in the 2012-2013 school year. Grades K-4 will continue to be served in K270, while grades 5-8 will be served in K256.

K256 currently houses P.S. 256 Benjamin Banneker. K256 has a capacity of 734 and its 2008-2009 target utilization was 53%. K256 has sufficient space for P.S. 256 and Community Partnership (grades 5-8) to operate at full organizational capacity. This proposal will enable Community Partnership to complete its K-8 grade reconfiguration, if approved, and will alleviate overcrowding in the K270 building. The K-8 grade expansion of Community Partnership addresses the need to provide higher quality middle school options in District 13.

II. Enrollment, Admissions, and School Performance Information

A. Community Partnership

1. Enrollment

Current Grades Served: K-5

Current Enrollment (As of
10/31/2009 ATS
Unaudited Register): 297

Grades Served 2010-2011: K-6

Projected 2010-2011 Enrollment
(Grades K-6 total): 320-350

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Projected 2010-2011 Enrollment
(Grades 5-6 only): 90-100

Grades Served At Scale
(2012-2013): K-8

Projected Enrollment at Scale
(Total K-8 2012-2013): 440-500

Projected Enrollment at Scale
(Grades 5-8 only 2012-2013): 190-210

2. Admissions

Pursuant to New York State Education Law, Community Partnership admits students via lottery. District 13 residents are given priority in the charter school lottery process. All students, including General Education students, students with Individualized Education Plans, and English Language Learners, will continue to be served at Community Partnership.

3. School Performance

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.

Progress Report Grades

2007-2008: B
2008-2009: A

Math Score
(2008-2009): 94.8% of students scored at Level 3 or 4

English Language Arts
Score (2008-2009): 77.6% of students scored at Level 3 or 4

Accountability Status

Overall Federal
Status (2008-2009): In Good Standing

Overall State Status

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(2008-2009): Not applicable to charter schools

Status with
Differentiated
Accountability

(2009-2010): In Good Standing

To access school performance and accountability information for Community Partnership, please visit <http://schools.nyc.gov/SchoolPortals/13/K702/AboutUs/Statistics>.

Average Attendance
(2008-2009): 95%

B. P.S. 256

1. Enrollment

Current Grades Served: PreK-5

Current Enrollment (As of
10/31/2009 ATS
Unaudited Register):

385

Grades Served 2010-2011: PreK-5

Projected 2010-2011
Enrollment:

389-415

2. Admissions

Pre-K admissions are administered through the citywide process.
K-5 admissions are zoned.

3. School Performance

Progress Report Grades

2007-2008: C
2008-2009: A

Math Score (2008-2009): 81.4% of students scored at Level 3 or 4

English Language Arts
Score (2008-2009): 66.9% of students scored at Level 3 or 4

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Quality Review Scores

2007-2008:	Proficient
2008-2009:	Proficient

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. 256, please visit <http://schools.nyc.gov/SchoolPortals/13/K256/AboutUs/Statistics>.

Average Attendance (2008-2009):	89.2%
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To access copies of the Attendance Reports for P.S. 256, please visit <http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/data/stats/attendance>.

III. Proposed or Potential Use of K256 and K270

After implementation of the proposal, K256 will house P.S. 256 and Community Partnership grades 5-8. The space made available in K270 by the move of Community Partnership's grade 5 will not be used for any other educational program or administrative services. The move will alleviate overcrowding in K270.

IV. Impact of the Proposed Grade Reconfiguration on the Community, Existing Schools and Students

A. Community Ramifications

Split-siting Community Partnership between K270 and K256 will allow the school to implement its grade expansion, if approved by the State University of New York Board of Trustees, and alleviate overcrowding in the K270 building. The expansion of Community Partnership will add approximately 135-150 grade 6-8 seats and provide an additional high quality middle school option to students.

B. Existing Schools

During the course of Community Partnership's grade reconfiguration, all schools will have sufficient instructional space to serve students in K256 as per the citywide instructional footprint.

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After implementation of the proposal, P.S. 256 and Community Partnership (grades 5-8) will have sufficient space to operate at full organization capacity. 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 K256 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

Beginning September 2010, grade 5 students enrolled at Community Partnership during the 2009-2010 school year will have the option of continuing at the school for grades 6 through 8. Available seats will be filled via a waitlist maintained by the school pursuant to the New York State Charter Law.

No P.S. 256 students will be displaced as a result of Community Partnership co-locating with P.S. 256 in K256. While the two schools will have to share certain common spaces in the building, there will continue to be sufficient space in K256 to serve all P.S. 256 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.

V. Initial Costs and Savings

The estimated cost of moving supplies and materials to relocate Community Partnership's grade 5 is \$29,700.00. This estimate is based on previous school relocations. Actual costs incurred will be determined by multiple factors at the time of the move.

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

A. Personnel

No impacts on P.S. 256 personnel are anticipated as a result of this proposal.

Community Partnership expects to hire additional teachers due to the increased organizational capacity of its new building.

B. Costs of Instruction

To cover its costs of instruction, Community Partnership, 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.

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The costs of instruction at P.S. 256 will not be impacted its co-location with Community Partnership in K256. P.S. 256 will continue to receive annual per capita funding based on Fair Student Funding per capita allocations.

C. Administration

No change in P.S. 256 administrative staff positions are expected as a result of the co-location.

Community Partnership may add school supervisor and/or non-pedagogical personnel as a result of its grade expansion.

D. Transportation

The co-location of Community Partnership and P.S. 256 will have no effect on transportation services offered to students at the schools. 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

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

VII. Building Information

A. Building Type, Age and Physical Condition

K256 is an elementary school building that was built in 1959. The building received an overall rating of 2.61 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 K256, please visit <http://schools.nyc.gov/community/facilities/BFIS>.

2008-2009 Target utilization rate: 53%

2008-2009 Target capacity: 734

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: \$12,811.00

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Materials:	\$7,965.00
Maintenance and Repair Contracts:	\$13,390.00
Service Contracts:	Not Applicable
Custodial Operations	
Materials:	\$6,224.00
Custodial Allocation:	\$248,488.00

A. Fiscal Year 2009 Energy Costs

Electric:	\$80,306.00
Gas:	\$4,022.00
Oil:	\$27,624.00

B. Recent and Planned Improvements

There have been no recent improvements to K256. There are no proposed improvements currently planned.

C. Special Features

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