

Educational Impact Statement

Co-location of a New Achievement First Charter School with I.S. 302 (19K302) in School Building K302

I. Summary of Proposal

In the 2010-2011 school year, a new Achievement First K-8 charter school (“Achievement First”) will open in school building K302 (hereinafter referred to as “K302”), located at 350 Lindwood Street, Brooklyn in Community School District 19 (“District 19”). Achievement First will open with approximately 120-150 Kindergarten and grade 1 students in 2010-2011 and will grow to approximately 300-350 students in grades K-4 served in K302. The location of the school’s 5-8 grades will be determined in the future based on available space in the district.

I.S. 302 (19K302) and P.S./I.S. 89 (19K089) are currently housed in K302. Prior to the start of the 2010-2011 school year, P.S./I.S. 89 will move to a new facility located at 265 Warwick Street also in District 19 and will no longer serve students in K302. I.S. 302 serves students in grades 6-8 and will be co-located with Achievement First.

K302 (main building and temporary classroom units) has a capacity of 1,829 and its 2008-2009 target utilization rate (including I.S. 302 and P.S./I.S. 89 enrollment) was 71%. With the departure of P.S./I.S. 89, the K302 building will be at 56% target utilization. There is sufficient space in the building to house I.S. 302 and Achievement First’s K-4 grades.

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.

The co-location of Achievement First in K302 will create more school options for parents and families in District 19, specifically an additional K-8 option.

II. Enrollment, Admissions, and School Performance for Existing Schools in I.S. 302

A. I.S. 302

1. Enrollment

Current Grades Served: 6-8

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Current Enrollment (As of 10/31/2009 ATS Unaudited Register):	1,023
Grades Served 2010-2011:	6-8
Projected 2010-2011 Enrollment:	1,000-1,050

2. Admissions

Admissions to I.S. 302 is based on zoning.

3. School Performance

Progress Report Grades

2007-2008:	D
2008-2009:	B

Math Score (2008-2009): 61.1% of students scored at Level 3 or 4

English Language Arts Score (2008-2009): 50.8% of students scored at Level 3 or 4

Quality Review Scores

2007-2008:	Well developed
2008-2009:	Proficient

Accountability Status

Overall Federal Status (2008-2009): Restructuring – Year 5

Overall State Status (2008-2009): Requiring Academic Progress – Year 9

Status with Differentiated Accountability (2009-2010): Restructuring – Year 5

To access school performance and accountability information for I.S. 302, please visit <http://schools.nyc.gov/SchoolPortals/19/K302/AboutUs/Statistics>.

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Average Attendance
(2008-2009): 88.1%

To access copies of the Attendance Reports for I.S. 302, please visit
<http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/data/stats/attendance>.

III. Proposed or Potential Use of K302

Achievement First will open in K302 and co-locate with I.S. 302. The school will gradually phase-in one grade per year until it reaches a K-4 grade configuration in the building. The location of the school's 5-8 grades will be determined in the future based on available space in the district.

In 2010-2011, Achievement First will begin with Kindergarten and grade 1 with an enrollment of 120-150 students. At scale, the projected enrollment of Achievement First's K-4 grades will be 300-350 students. Achievement First is a charter school and will admit students via lottery, pursuant to the New York State Education Law. District 19 students and residents will be given priority in the charter school lottery process.

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

A. Community Ramifications

The opening and eventual full phase-in of Achievement First in K302 will create approximately 300-350 K-4 seats in District 19.

The creation of these elementary seats will help alleviate overcrowding at nearby elementary schools, notably P.S. 65, P.S. 108 and P.S. 7. None of those elementary schools currently has space to establish a full-day Pre-Kindergarten program. By creating an additional elementary level option for parents, the DOE will be able create space in one or more of those schools to add a Pre-Kindergarten program in the next several years.

B. Existing Schools

During the course of Achievement First's phase-in, all schools will have sufficient instructional space to serve students in I.S. 302 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 I.S. 302 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, Achievement First will admit students via lottery. All students eligible for grades Kindergarten and 1 in September 2010, will have the opportunity to apply to Achievement First for a September 2010 seat through the school's lottery process. In accordance with state law, District 19 residents will be given priority in the charter school lottery process.

No I.S. 302 students will be displaced as a result of Achievement First co-locating with I.S. 302 in K302. While the two schools will have to share certain common spaces in the building, there will continue to be sufficient space in K302 to serve all I.S. 302 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

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

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

A. Personnel

No impacts on I.S. 302 personnel are anticipated as a result of this proposal.

New administrative staff and non-pedagogical positions will be created at Achievement First will be created over the course of the phase-in.

Achievement First is expected to hire additional teachers as each new grade is added.

B. Costs of Instruction

To cover its costs of instruction, Achievement First, 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 I.S. 302 will not be impacted its co-location with Achievement First in K302. I.S. 302 will continue to receive annual per capita funding based on Fair Student Funding per capita allocations.

C. Administration

No impacts on I.S. 302 school supervisors and/or administrative staff are anticipated as a result of this proposal.

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Achievement First is expected to hire school supervisors and/or administrator personnel as needed.

D. Transportation

The co-location of Achievement First and I.S. 302 will have no effect on transportation services offered at I.S. 302. Transportation to students at I.S. 302 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 Achievement First and I.S. 302 will have no effect on other support services offered to students at I.S. 302. Other support services will continue to be provided consistent with citywide policy.

VII. Building Information

A. Building Type, Age and Physical Condition

K302 is a middle school building that was built in 1970. The building received an overall rating of 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 K302, please visit <http://schools.nyc.gov/community/facilities/BFIS>.

2008-2009 Target capacity:	1,829
2008-2009 Target utilization rate:	71%

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:	\$17,266.00
Materials:	\$11,664.00
Maintenance and Repair Contracts:	\$94,436.00

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Service Contracts:	\$5,262.00
Custodial Operations	
Materials:	\$12,238.00
Custodial Allocation:	\$443,317.00

C. Fiscal Year 2009 Energy Costs

Electric:	\$223,353.00
Gas:	\$3,702.00
Oil:	\$74,569.00

C. Recent and Planned Improvements

Recent improvements to K302 include roofs, windows, flood elimination, and exterior masonry in FY 2008-2009.

Planned improvements include flood elimination, exterior masonry, roofs, and windows in FY 2010.

D. Special Features

The building has an art room, auditorium, cafeteria, computer rooms/class rooms (2), a gymnasium, a library, and science lab rooms/class rooms (7).

K302 is fully programmatic accessible.