

Educational Impact Statement

**Co-location of Metropolitan Lighthouse Charter School with an Existing School in
School Buildings X093 and X893**

I. Summary of Proposal

In the 2010-2011 school year, Metropolitan Lighthouse Charter School (“Metropolitan Lighthouse”), a new charter school that will serve grades K-12 at scale, will open and be temporarily housed in school buildings X093 (hereinafter referred to as “X093”) and minischool building X893 (hereinafter referred to as “X893”), located at 1535 Story Avenue, Bronx, in Community School District 8 (“District 8”). Metropolitan Lighthouse will open in 2010-2011 with approximately 130-140 students in Kindergarten and grades 1 and 2, and will add one grade each school year until it is at scale in 2021-2022. The long-term site for Metropolitan Lighthouse that would serve the full organizational needs of the school at its full grade scale has yet to be determined.

Metropolitan Lighthouse will be co-located in X093 and X893 with P.S. 93 Albert G. Oliver (“P.S. 93”) beginning in the 2010-2011 school year. The 2008-2009 target capacity of X093 was 513, and its target utilization rate was 72%. The 2008-2009 target capacity of X893 was 157 and its target utilization rate was 103%. P.S. 93 is currently co-located in the buildings with Carl C. Icahn North Bronx Charter School (“Icahn North”). Icahn North, however, is moving out of the building prior to the start of the 2010-2011 school year. Thus, there will be sufficient space in X093 and X893 for Metropolitan Lighthouse and P.S. 93 to operate at full organizational capacity in 2010-2011.

The co-location of Metropolitan Lighthouse in X093 and X893 will help to address elementary school overcrowding in Soundview, and will serve to increase access to high quality elementary school options for students residing in District 8.

II. Enrollment, Admissions, and School Performance for P.S. 93

A. Enrollment

Current Grades Served:	PreK-5
Current Enrollment (As of 10/31/2009 ATS Unaudited Register):	341
Grades Served 2010-2011:	PreK-5

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Projected 2010-2011
Enrollment: 325-375

B. Admissions

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

C. School Performance

Progress Report Grades

2007-2008: A
2008-2009: A

Math Score (2008-2009): 76.2% of students scored at Level 3 or 4

English Language Arts Score (2008-2009): 66.1% of students scored at Level 3 or 4

Quality Review Scores

2007-2008: Proficient
2008-2009: No Quality Review conducted as per Division of Accountability and Achievement Resources review cycle criteria

Accountability Status

Overall Federal Status (2008-2009): In Corrective Action

Overall State Status (2008-2009): Requiring Academic Progress - Year 3

Status with Differentiated Accountability (2009-2010): Corrective Action (year 2) - Focused

To access school performance and accountability information for P.S. 93, please visit <http://schools.nyc.gov/SchoolPortals/08/X093/AboutUs/Statistics>.

Average Attendance (2008-2009): 91.0%

To access copies of the Attendance Reports for P.S. 93, please visit <http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/data/stats/attendance>.

III. Proposed or Potential Use of X093

Metropolitan Lighthouse will open in X093 and X893 and be temporarily co-located with P.S. 93.

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

A. Community Ramifications

The opening of Metropolitan Lighthouse in X093 and X893, and the school's gradual phase-in (long-term location in District 8 still to be determined), will create approximately 650 elementary school seats in District 8. The creation of these seats will help alleviate overcrowding in District 8 elementary schools. Metropolitan Lighthouse will eventually serve students in middle and high school as well, alleviating middle school overcrowding in District 8 and increasing the number of high quality options available at the middle and high school grade levels in the district.

B. Existing Schools

During the course of Metropolitan Lighthouse's phase-in, all schools will have sufficient instructional space to serve students in X093 and X893 as per the citywide instructional footprint. After implementation of the proposal, because Icahn North will have moved out of the school buildings, P.S. 93 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 P.S. 93 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, Metropolitan Lighthouse will admit students via lottery. All students will have the opportunity to apply to Metropolitan Lighthouse for a September 2010 K-2 seat. In accordance with state law, District 8 residents will be given priority in the school's lottery.

No P.S. 93 students will be displaced as a result of Metropolitan Lighthouse co-locating with P.S. 93 in X093 and X893. While the two schools will have to share certain common spaces in the building, there will continue to be sufficient space in X093 and

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X893 to serve all P.S. 93 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 the P.S. 93 personnel needs are expected as a result of this co-location.

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

Metropolitan Lighthouse is expected to hire additional teachers as each new grade is added.

B. Costs of Instruction

Charter schools 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. 93 will not be impacted its co-location with Metropolitan Lighthouse in X093 and X893. P.S. 93 will continue to receive annual per capita funding based on Fair Student Funding allocations.

C. Administration

No impacts on P.S. 93 school supervisors and/or administrative staff are anticipated as a result of this proposal.

Metropolitan Lighthouse is expected to hire school supervisors and/or administrator personnel as needed.

D. Transportation

The co-location of Metropolitan Lighthouse and P.S. 93 will have no effect on the transportation services offered to students at P.S. 93. Transportation to students at P.S. 93 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>.

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E. Other Support Services

The co-location of Metropolitan Lighthouse and P.S. 93 will have no effect on other support services offered to students at P.S. 93. Other support services will continue to be provided consistent with citywide policy.

VII. Building Information

A. Building Type, Age and Physical Condition

X093 is an elementary school building that was built in 1929. The building received an overall rating of 2.35 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 X093, please visit <http://schools.nyc.gov/community/facilities/BFIS>.

2008-2009 Target capacity: 513

2008-2009 Target utilization rate: 72%

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: \$17,085.00

Materials: \$3,621.00

Maintenance and Repair Contracts: \$37,970.00

Service Contracts: \$442.00

Custodial Operations

Materials: \$5,455.00

Custodial Allocation: \$257,195.00

C. Fiscal Year 2009 Energy Costs

Electric: \$62,566.00

Gas: \$106,027.00

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Oil: \$6,017.00

D. Recent and Planned Improvements

Recent improvements to X093 include a crawl space floor settlement that was added in FY 09. No improvements are currently planned.

E. Special Features

Building X093 has an auditorium, cafeteria, computer room, gymnasium and library.

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