

Educational Impact Statement

Grade Expansion of KIPP Infinity Charter School (84M336)

I. Summary of Proposal

In the 2010-2011 school year, KIPP Infinity Charter School (84M336, “KIPP Infinity”), an existing school that serves grades 5-9, will implement a gradual grade reconfiguration plan to expand its current grade configuration to K-8. (Grades 9-12 will be at sited M460, pending PEP approval). KIPP Infinity is currently housed in school building M195 (hereinafter referred to as “M195”), located at 625 West 133 Street in Community School District 5 (“District 5”). KIPP Infinity is currently co-located with I.S. 195 Roberto Clemente (05M195, “I.S. 195”) in M195.

The 2008-2009 target utilization rate of M195 was 71%, and its target capacity is 1,283. M195 has sufficient space for the grade expansion of KIPP Infinity and I.S. 195 to operate at full organizational capacity.

Beginning in 2010-2011, KIPP Infinity will serve grades K and 5-8 at M195. Grades 9-10 will be served at another location, which will be addressed in a future educational impact statement. Grade 1 will be added in 2011, grade 2 will be added in 2012, and grade 3 will be added in 2013. As KIPP Infinity’s reconfiguration plan is implemented, the school and the DOE will consider whether M195 will be able to accommodate KIPP Infinity’s and I.S. 195’s full operational capacity. The grade expansion of KIPP Infinity will create approximately 400 new seats in District 5. This proposal addresses the need to provide new high quality elementary options in District 5.

II. Enrollment, Admissions, and School Performance Information

A. KIPP Infinity

1. Enrollment

Current Grades Served: 5-9

Current Enrollment (As of
10/31/2009 ATS
Unaudited Register): 336

Grades Served 2010-2011: K, 5-8 at M195
Grade 9-10 will be served at alternate
location.

Projected 2010-2011

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Enrollment at M195:	410-425
Grades Served At Scale (2014-2015):	K-8 at M195 (Grades 9-12 will be at another location that will be addressed in a future educational impact statement)
Projected Enrollment at Scale (2014-2015):	460-490

2. Admissions

Pursuant to New York State Education Law, KIPP Infinity admits students via lottery.

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, the New York State Education Department, and the State University of New York hold schools they authorize to a minimum standard of 75% of students achieving proficiency.

Progress Report Grades

2007-2008:	A
2008-2009:	A

Math Score (2008-2009):	98.9% of students scored at Level 3 or 4
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English Language Arts Score (2008-2009):	88.4% of students scored at Level 3 or 4
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Quality Review Scores

2007-2008:	Charter schools do not receive Quality Reviews
2008-2009:	Charter schools do not receive Quality Reviews

Accountability Status

Overall Federal

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Status (2008-2009):	In Good Standing
Overall State Status (2008-2009):	Subject to Charter School Law Provisions
Status with Differentiated Accountability (2009-2010):	In Good Standing

To access school performance and accountability information for KIPP Infinity, please visit <http://schools.nyc.gov/SchoolPortals/05/M336/AboutUs/Statistics>.

Average Attendance (2008-2009):	95.0%
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B. I.S. 195

1. Enrollment

Current Grades Served:	6-8
Current Enrollment (As of 10/31/2009 ATS Unaudited Register):	551
Grades Served 2010-2011:	6-8
Projected 2010-2011 Enrollment:	525-575

2. Admissions

Students apply for a seat at I.S. 195 through the middle school choice process.

3. School Performance

Progress Report Grades	
2007-2008:	B
2008-2009:	B
Math Score (2008-2009):	61.4% of students scored at Level 3 or 4
English Language Arts	

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Score (2008-2009): 49.7% 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 4

Overall State Status (2008-2009): Requiring Academic Progress - Year 8

Status with Differentiated Accountability (2009-2010): Restructuring (Advanced) - Focused

To access school performance and accountability information for I.S. 195, please visit <http://schools.nyc.gov/SchoolPortals/05/M195/AboutUs/Statistics>.

Average Attendance (2008-2009): 88.4%

To access copies of the Attendance Reports for I.S. 195, please visit <http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/data/stats/attendance>.

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

A. Community Ramifications

The eventual full phase-in of KIPP Infinity will create approximately 400 elementary and middle school seats in District 5. These additional seats will enable KIPP Infinity to complete its grade reconfiguration and provide an additional high quality elementary and middle school option to District 5 families.

B. Existing Schools

During the course of KIPP Infinity’s phase-in, all schools will have sufficient instructional space to serve students in M195 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 M195 will be made by school leaders.

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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, KIPP Infinity will admit students via lottery. All students eligible for grades 4 in September 2010, will have the opportunity to apply to KIPP Infinity for a September 2010 seat through the school's lottery process. In accordance with state law, District 5 residents will be given priority in the charter school lottery process.

Available seats in grades 5 and 6 will be filled via a waitlist maintained by the school pursuant to the New York State Charter School Law.

Admissions to I.S. 195 will not be affected by KIPP Infinity's grade reconfiguration.

IV. Initial Costs and Savings

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

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

A. Personnel

No impacts on I.S. 195 personnel are anticipated as a result of this proposal.

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

KIPP Infinity 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 the DOE based upon the New York State per pupil allocation (PPA) rate.

C. Administration

No impacts on I.S. 195 school supervisors and/or administrative are anticipated as a result of this proposal.

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KIPP Infinity is expected to hire school supervisors and/or administrator personnel as needed.

D. Transportation

The grade reconfiguration of KIPP Infinity will have no effect on transportation services offered to students. Transportation to students at I.S. 195 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 I.S. 195 and KIPP Infinity will have no effect on other support services offered to students. Other support services will continue to be provided consistent with citywide policy.

VI. Building Information

A. Building Type, Age and Physical Condition

M195 is an intermediate school building that was built in 1975. The building received an overall rating of 2.84 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 M195, please visit <http://schools.nyc.gov/community/facilities/BFIS>.

2008-2009 Target utilization rate: 71%

2008-2009 Target capacity: 1,283

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: \$21,737.00

Materials: \$11,650.00

Maintenance and Repair Contracts: \$121,264.00

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Service Contracts: \$19,900.00

Custodial Operations

Materials: \$11,127.00

Custodial Allocation: \$345,633.00

C. Fiscal Year 2009 Energy Costs

Electric: \$227,886.00

Gas: \$1,714.00

Oil: \$89,916.00

D. Recent and Planned Improvements

Recent improvements to M195 include installation of surveillance cameras, repair of gym floor damage, and industrial and environmental hygiene clean-up in the storage rooms.

E. Special Features

The building has an auditorium, a cafeteria, three computer rooms, a gymnasium, a library, and four science lab rooms.