

Educational Impact Statement

Grade Truncation of P.S. 246 Poe Center (10X246)

I. Summary of Proposal

In the 2010-2011 school year, P.S. 246 Poe Center (10X246, “P.S. 246”), an existing school serving grades K-6, will implement a grade reconfiguration plan to change its current grade configuration to K-5. P.S. 246 is housed in school building X843 (hereinafter referred to as “X843”), located at 2641 Grand Concourse, Bronx in Community School District 10 (“District 10”). There are no other schools currently located in X843. X843 has a capacity of 633 and its current utilization rate is 126%.

In 2010-2011, P.S. 246 will stop serving grade 6 and will serve grades K-5. District 10 will continue to have sufficient seats to serve grade 6 students with the truncation of P.S. 246. This proposal will create grade alignment, will increase access to middle school choice by standardizing the grades students will apply to and enroll in middle school, and will alleviate overcrowding in X843.

II. Enrollment, Admissions, and School Performance – P.S. 246

A. Enrollment

Current Grades Served:	K-6
Current Enrollment (As of 10/19/2009 ATS Active Register):	788
Grades Served 2010-2011:	K-5
Projected 2010-2011 Enrollment:	640-690

B. Admissions

Current Admissions:	K-5: Zoned	6: Zoned
Admissions after Grade Reconfiguration:	K-5: Zoned	

C. School Performance

- Progress Report Scores

2007-2008:	B
2008-2009:	A
- Math Score (2008-2009): 80.6% of students scored at Level 3 or 4

3. English Language Arts
Score (2008-2009): 52.2% of students scored at Level 3 or 4

To access copies of the 2007-2008 and 2008-2009 Progress Reports for P.S. 246 please visit <http://schools.nyc.gov/SchoolPortals/10/X246/AboutUs/Statistics/default.htm>.

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

To access a copy of the 2007-2008 Quality Review Report for P.S. 246 please visit <http://schools.nyc.gov/SchoolPortals/10/X246/AboutUs/Statistics/default.htm>.

5. Accountability Status
- | | |
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| Overall Federal
Status (2008-2009): | Restructuring - Year 3 |
| Overall State Status
(2008-2009): | Requiring Academic Progress - Year 7 |
| Status with
Differentiated
Accountability
(2009-2010): | In Good Standing |
6. Average Attendance
(2008-2009): 91.1%

To access a copy of the 2008-2009 Attendance Report for P.S. 246 please visit <http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/data/stats/attendance/default.htm>.

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

A. Community Ramifications

District 10 will continue to have sufficient seats to serve grade 6 students with the truncation of P.S. 246.

B. Existing Schools

There are no other schools currently located in X843.

P.S. 246 will have sufficient instructional space to serve students in X843 as per the citywide instructional footprint. To access the citywide instructional footprint, please visit the New York City

Department of Education website at http://schools.nyc.gov/NR/rdonlyres/8CF30F41-DE25-4C30-92DE-731949919FC3/65901/NYCDOE_Instructional_Footprint_revisedMay2009_noco.pdf.

The grade reconfiguration of P.S. 246 will reduce overcrowding in X843.

Beginning September 2010, the zoned middle school option, The New School for Leadership and Journalism (10X244, "NSLJ") will receive students in grade 6 from P.S. 246 beginning in 2010. NSLJ is located in school building X143 (hereinafter referred to as "X143"). The Marie Curie School for Medicine, Nursing, and Health Professions (10X237, "Marie Curie") is also located in X143. X143 has a capacity of 1192 and a current utilization rate of 97%.

Consistent with past practice, students will have the opportunity to rank middle school options in both District 9 and District 10 through the middle school choice process. To view a full list of the additional middle school options, please visit the District 10 Middle School Directory at http://schools.nyc.gov/NR/rdonlyres/2A9FEE4C-0577-4574-9C61-15971CC535C4/0/District10MSD_2009.pdf.

There are enough seats at NSLJ and the District 9 and District 10 middle schools that participate in the middle school choice process to accommodate the 100-150 grade 6 students from P.S. 246.

C. Students

Grade 5 students enrolled at P.S. 246 during the 2009-2010 school year will choose to enroll in NSLJ as their zoned choice option to begin grade 6 in September 2010 (pending satisfactory completion of promotion criteria).

These students may also apply for a September 2010 grade 6 seat in participating District 9 and District 10 choice middle schools through the middle school choice process (pending satisfactory completion of promotion criteria). To view a full list of the additional middle school options, please visit the District 10 Middle School Directory at http://schools.nyc.gov/NR/rdonlyres/2A9FEE4C-0577-4574-9C61-15971CC535C4/0/District10MSD_2009.pdf.

IV. Initial Costs and Savings

No initial costs or savings are expected as a result of the grade truncation of P.S. 246.

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

A. Personnel

P.S. 246 expects that some current staff positions would be excessed due to declining enrollment. However, anticipated annual teacher attrition is likely to account for the potential loss of staff.

No change in administrative staff positions is expected as a result of the grade truncation of P.S. 246.

B. Costs of Instruction

Once the grade truncation is implemented, P.S. 246 is expected to lose approximately \$425,000 in operating per capita funding eliminated as a result of the decreased enrollment. This estimate is based on current Fair Student Funding (FSF) per capita allocations of grade level weights. Student achievement and need-based allocations were not taken into account in these estimates because incoming students' achievement levels and needs cannot be predicted. Please note that per capita funds no longer allocated to the school as a result of this proposal do not represent eliminated system costs. FSF covers basic instructional needs and is allocated to each school based on the number and need-level of students at the school. All money allocated through FSF can be used at the principal's discretion. All dollar amounts are based on FY10 allocations and are subject to change based on adjustments to the DOE's overall operating budget.

C. Administration

No change in school supervisor or administrator positions is expected as a result of the grade truncation of P.S. 246.

D. Transportation

Transportation will be provided pursuant to Chancellor's Regulation A-801. To access the Chancellor's Regulation A-801, please visit the New York City Department of Education website at <http://schools.nyc.gov/NR/rdonlyres/21A1B11A-886B-4F74-9546-E875EE82A14C/40303/A801.pdf>.

E. Other Support Services

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

VI. Building Information

A. Building Type, Age, and Physical Condition

X843 is an elementary school building that was built in 1916. The building received an overall rating of 2.51 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 X843, please visit <http://schools.nyc.gov/SchoolPortals/10/X246/AboutUs/Statistics/facilities.htm>.

B. Fiscal Year 2009 Maintenance Costs

Labor:	\$3,092.39
Materials:	\$1,395.88
Maintenance and Repair Contracts:	\$15,720.21

Service Contracts:	\$0
Custodial Operations	
Materials:	\$5,739.40
Custodial Allocation:	\$272,800.00

C. Fiscal Year 2009 Energy Costs

Electric:	\$109,422.00
Gas:	\$384.00
Oil:	\$70,148.00

B. Recent and Planned Improvements

Not applicable. There were no recent improvements made to the building. There are no planned improvements for the building.

C. Special Features

Building has a library and a cafeteria. It does not have a gymnasium or auditorium.