

**Educational Impact Statement**

**Grade Truncation of P.S. 126 Dr Marjorie H Dunbar (09X126)**

**I. Summary of Proposal**

In the 2010-2011 school year, P.S. 126 Dr Marjorie H Dunbar (09X126, “P.S. 126”), an existing school serving grades PreK-6, will implement a grade reconfiguration plan to change its grade configuration to PreK-5. P.S. 126 is housed in school building X126 (hereinafter referred to as “X126”), located at 175 West 166 Street, Bronx in Community School District 9 (“District 9”). There are no other schools currently located in X126. X126 has a capacity of 922 and its current utilization rate is 87%.

In 2010-2011, P.S. 126 will stop serving grade 6 and will serve grades PreK-5. District 9 will continue to have sufficient seats to serve grade 6 students with the truncation of P.S. 126. This proposal will create grade alignment and will increase access to middle school choice by standardizing the grades students will apply to and enroll in middle school.

**II. Enrollment, Admissions, and School Performance – P.S. 126**

**A. Enrollment**

Current Grades Served: PreK-6

Current Enrollment (As of  
10/19/2009 ATS Active  
Register): 772

Grades Served 2010-2011: PreK-5

Projected 2010-2011  
Enrollment: 600-700

**B. Admissions**

Current Admissions: PreK: Standard citywide  
K-5: Zoned  
6: Zoned

Admissions after Grade  
Reconfiguration: PreK: Standard citywide  
K-5: Zoned

**C. School Performance**

1. Progress Report Scores

2007-2008: B  
2008-2009: A

- 2. Math Score (2008-2009): 75.8% of students scored at Level 3 or 4
- 3. English Language Arts Score (2008-2009): 57.3% of students scored at Level 3 or 4

To access copies of the 2007-2008 and 2008-2009 Progress Reports for P.S. 126 please visit <http://schools.nyc.gov/SchoolPortals/09/X126/AboutUs/Statistics/default.htm>.

- 4. Quality Review Scores
  - 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. 126 please visit <http://schools.nyc.gov/SchoolPortals/09/X126/AboutUs/Statistics/default.htm>.

- 5. Accountability Status
  - Overall Federal Status (2008-2009): In Good Standing
  - Overall State Status (2008-2009): In Good Standing
  - Status with Differentiated Accountability (2009-2010): In Good Standing
- 6. Average Attendance (2008-2009): 90.1%

To access a copy of the 2008-2009 Attendance Report for P.S. 126 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 9 will continue to have sufficient seats to serve grade 6 students with the truncation of P.S. 126.

**B. Existing Schools**

No other schools are currently located in the X126 building.

P.S. 126 will have sufficient instructional space to serve students in X126 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](http://schools.nyc.gov/NR/rdonlyres/8CF30F41-DE25-4C30-92DE-731949919FC3/65901/NYCDOE_Instructional_Footprint_revisedMay2009_noco.pdf).

Beginning September 2010, the zoned middle school option, Science And Technology Academy: A Mott Hall School (09X454, "STA"), will receive students in grade 6 from P.S. 126. STA is located in school building X166 (hereinafter referred to as "X166"). Other schools currently located in X166 include J.H.S. 166 Roberto Clemente (09X166, "J.H.S. 166"), Eagle Academy for Young Men (09X231, "EAYM"), Bronx Early College Academy for Teaching & Learning (09X324, "BECA"), and Grant Avenue Elementary School (09X449, "GAES"). X166 has a capacity of 1663 and a current utilization rate of 65%.

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 9 Middle School Directory at [http://schools.nyc.gov/NR/rdonlyres/47153869-605D-4019-8F1B-B7CEBB0187D0/0/District9MSD\\_2009.pdf](http://schools.nyc.gov/NR/rdonlyres/47153869-605D-4019-8F1B-B7CEBB0187D0/0/District9MSD_2009.pdf).

There are enough seats at STA and the District 9 and District 10 middle schools that participate in the middle school choice process to accommodate the approximately 75-175 grade 6 students from P.S. 126.

### **C. Students**

Grade 5 students enrolled at P.S. 126 during the 2009-2010 school year will choose to enroll in STA 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 9 Middle School Directory at [http://schools.nyc.gov/NR/rdonlyres/47153869-605D-4019-8F1B-B7CEBB0187D0/0/District9MSD\\_2009.pdf](http://schools.nyc.gov/NR/rdonlyres/47153869-605D-4019-8F1B-B7CEBB0187D0/0/District9MSD_2009.pdf).

## **IV. Initial Costs and Savings**

No initial costs or savings are expected as a result of the grade truncation of P.S. 126.

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

### **A. Personnel**

P.S. 126 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. 126.

**B. Costs of Instruction**

Once the grade truncation is implemented, P.S. 126 is expected to lose approximately \$320,000 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. 126.

**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/ronlyres/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**

X126 is an elementary school building that was built in 1971. The building received an overall rating of 2.65 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 X126, please visit <http://schools.nyc.gov/SchoolPortals/09/X126/AboutUs/Statistics/facilities.htm>.

**B. Fiscal Year 2009 Maintenance Costs**

Labor: \$13,309.73

Materials: \$4,559.40

Maintenance and Repair Contracts:	\$126,862.05
Service Contracts:	\$0
Custodial Operations	
Materials:	\$6,596.45
Custodial Allocation:	\$289,512.38

**C. Fiscal Year 2009 Energy Costs**

Electric:	\$98,654.00
Gas:	\$1,350.00
Oil:	\$66,510.00

**B. Recent and Planned Improvements**

Items proposed in the 2010-2014 Capital Plan are exterior work, areaways, parapets, brickwork, and storm & waste drainage.

**C. Special Features**

Building has a library, gymnasium, auditorium, cafeteria, and art room.