

Educational Impact Statement

Co-location of Democracy Prep Charter School 2 with Existing Schools in M092

I. Summary of Proposal

In the 2010-2011 school year, pending approval of its charter by the New York State Board of Regents, Democracy Prep Charter School 2 (“Democracy Prep 2”), a new charter school that will serve grades 6-8, will open in school building M092 (“M092”), located at 222 West 134 Street, Manhattan in Community School District 5 (“District 5”). Democracy Prep 2 will be co-located in M092 with P.S. 92 Mary McLeod Bethune (05M092 “P.S. 92”), Academy of Collaborative Education (05M344, “ACE”), and St. HOPE Leadership Academy Charter School (05M388, “St. HOPE Leadership”) in M092.

Pursuant to a plan to phase out and eventually close ACE, which was approved by the Panel for Educational Policy on January 26, 2010, ACE will begin phasing out one grade level per year. Grade 6 will be eliminated in 2010-2011, grade 7 will be eliminated in 2011-2012, and ACE will close in June 2013. Simultaneously, Democracy Prep 2 will open grade 6 at M092 in 2010-11 and will phase in one grade level per year until reaches its full 6-8 grade scale in 2012-13. At scale, Democracy Prep 2 will serve approximately 305-325 students. After the 2012-2013 school year, Democracy Prep 2 will be co-located with P.S. 92 and St. HOPE Leadership.

The 2008-2009 utilization rate of M092 was 84%, and its target capacity was 849. M092 has sufficient space for Democracy Prep 2, P.S. 92, ACE, and St. HOPE Leadership to serve students until the end of the 2012-2013 school year. M092 also has sufficient space for Democracy Prep 2, P.S. 92, and St. HOPE Leadership to operate at full organizational capacity in 2013-2014 and in subsequent school years.

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 New York City Department of Education (“DOE”), the New York State Education Department, and the State University of New York (“SUNY”) hold schools they authorize to a minimum standard of 75% of students achieving proficiency.

The siting of Democracy Prep 2 in M092 with P.S. 92 and St. HOPE Leadership addresses the need to offer high quality middle school options to students in District 5.

II. Enrollment, Admissions, and School Performance for Existing Schools in M092

A. P.S. 92 Mary McLeod Bethune

1. Enrollment

Current Grades Served:	Pre-K-5
Current Enrollment (As of 10/31/2009 ATS Unaudited Register):	269
Grades Served 2010-2011:	Pre-K-5
Projected 2010-2011 Enrollment:	250-300

2. Admissions

PreK students enter P.S. 92 through the standard citywide process. Grade K-5 admissions are zoned.

3. School Performance

Progress Report Grades

2007-2008:	B
2008-2009:	B

Math Score (2008-2009):	78.0% of students scored at Level 3 or 4
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English Language Arts Score (2008-2009):	50.0% of students scored at Level 3 or 4
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Quality Review Scores

2007-2008:	Well developed
2008-2009:	N/A

Accountability Status

Overall Federal Status (2008-2009):	In Need of Improvement - Year 1
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Overall State Status

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(2008-2009): Requiring Academic Progress - Year 1

Status with
Differentiated
Accountability
(2009-2010): In Good Standing

To access school performance and accountability information for P.S. 92, please visit <http://schools.nyc.gov/SchoolPortals/05/M092/AboutUs/Statistics>.

Average Attendance
(2008-2009): 89.7%

To access copies of the Attendance Reports for P.S. 92, please visit <http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/data/stats/attendance>.

B. ACE

1. Enrollment

Current Grades Served: 6-8

Current Enrollment (As of
10/31/2009 ATS
Unaudited Register): 195

Grades Served 2010-2011: 7,8 (Phasing out)

Projected 2010-2011
Enrollment: 60-90

2. Admissions

Students had applied to ACE through the middle school choice process. Beginning in the 2010-2011 school year, ACE will no longer be a choice in the District 5 middle school choice process.

3. School Performance

Progress Report Grades

2007-2008: C
2008-2009: D

Math Score (2008-2009): 47.0% of students scored at Level 3 or 4

English Language Arts

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Score (2008-2009): 38.1% of students scored at Level 3 or 4

Quality Review Scores

2007-2008: Underdeveloped
2008-2009: Underdeveloped

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

To access school performance and accountability information for ACE, please visit <http://schools.nyc.gov/SchoolPortals/05/M344/AboutUs/Statistics>.

Average Attendance (2008-2009): 85.9%

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

C. St. HOPE Leadership

1. Enrollment

Current Grades Served: 5-8

Current Enrollment (As of 10/31/2009 ATS Unaudited Register): 203

Grades Served 2010-2011: 5-8

Projected 2010-2011 Enrollment: 250-300

2. Admissions

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Pursuant to New York State Education Law, St.HOPE Leadership admits its students via lottery.

3. School Performance

Progress Report grades are not available because St. HOPE Leadership opened in 2008-2009.

Math Score (2008-2009): 75.3% of students scored at Level 3 or 4

English Language Arts Score (2008-2009): 53.8% of students scored at Level 3 or 4

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 Status (2008-2009): In Good Standing

Overall State Status (2008-2009): In Good Standing

Status with Differentiated Accountability (2009-2010): In Good Standing

To access school performance and accountability information for St. HOPE Leadership, please visit <http://schools.nyc.gov/SchoolPortals/05/M388/AboutUs/Statistics>.

Average Attendance (2008-2009): 95.0%

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

III. Proposed or Potential Use of M092

Beginning in the 2010-2011 school year, Democracy Prep 2 will be co-located with P.S. 92, St. HOPE Leadership, and ACE in M092. M092 has sufficient space for Democracy Prep 2, P.S. 92, St. HOPE Leadership, and ACE to operate at full organizational capacity as ACE phases out and Democracy Prep 2 phases in. Once ACE has phased out,

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Democracy Prep 2, P.S. 92, and St. HOPE Leadership will still be able to operate at full organization capacity.

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 Democracy Prep 2 in M092 will create approximately 300 middle school seats in District 5. There are currently sufficient middle school seats in District 5, and there will be sufficient middle seats after ACE has closed. The seats resulting from Democracy Prep 2's phase-in will create additional high quality middle school options in District 5.

B. Existing Schools

During the course of Democracy Prep 2's phase-in, all schools will have sufficient instructional space to serve students in M092 as per the citywide instructional footprint. After implementation of the proposal, Democracy Prep 2, P.S. 92, St. HOPE Leadership, and ACE will be able to operate at full organizational capacity as ACE phases out. Once ACE has phased out, Democracy Prep 2, P.S. 92, and St. HOPE Leadership will still be able 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 M092 will be made by school leaders.

To access the citywide instructional footprint, please visit the DOE's Web site at http://schools.nyc.gov/NR/ronlyres/8CF30F41-DE25-4C30-92DE-731949919FC3/65901/NYCDOE_Instructional_Footprint_revisedMay2009_noco.pdf.

C. Students

Pursuant to New York State Education Law, Democracy Prep 2 will admit students via lottery. All current grade 5 students will have the opportunity to apply to Democracy Prep 2 for a September 2010 seat through the charter school lottery process. In accordance with state law, District 5 residents will be given priority in the lottery.

P.S. 92, ACE, or St. HOPE Leadership students will not be displaced as a result of the siting of Democracy Prep 2 in M092. While the schools will have to share certain common spaces in the building, there will continue to be sufficient space in M092 to serve all 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 P.S. 92 or St. HOPE personnel are expected as a result of this proposal.

New administrative staff and non-pedagogical positions will be created at Democracy Prep 2 over the course of the school's phase-in.

Democracy Prep 2 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. 92, ACE, and St. HOPE will not be impacted by their co-location with Democracy Prep 2 in M092. P.S. 92, ACE, and St. HOPE will continue to receive annual per capita funding based on Fair Student Funding per capita allocations.

C. Administration

No impacts on P.S. 92, ACE, or St. HOPE personnel are anticipated as a result of this co-location proposal. As building leaders, the principals of each school will work together to decide how shared spaces in the building will be used.

Democracy Prep 2 is expected to hire school supervisors and/or administrator personnel as needed.

D. Transportation

The co-location of Democracy Prep 2, P.S. 92, ACE, and St. HOPE will have no effect on transportation services offered to students attending schools in the building.

Throughout the course of proposal implementation, transportation 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

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

VII. Building Information

A. Building Type, Age and Physical Condition

M092 is a primary school building that was built in 1964. The building received an overall rating of 2.61 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 M092, please visit <http://schools.nyc.gov/community/facilities/BFIS>.

2008-2009 Target capacity:	849
2008-2009 Target utilization rate:	84%

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:	\$31,613.00
Materials:	\$27,203.00
Maintenance and Repair Contracts:	\$149,153.00
Service Contracts:	\$4,110.00
Custodial Operations	
Materials:	\$6,923.00
Custodial Allocation:	\$264,464.00

C. Fiscal Year 2009 Energy Costs

Electric:	\$108,303.00
Gas:	\$3,860.00
Oil:	\$53,199.00

C. Recent and Planned Improvements

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Recent improvements to M092 include upgrades to the school's data and school broadcast technology and the building's elevators and escalators.

D. Special Features

The building has art rooms, an auditorium, a cafeteria, a gymnasium, a library, and a computer room.

Building M092 is functionally accessible.