

Educational Impact Statement

Re-Siting of Bronx Haven Transfer School (08X381) to School Building X600 and Co-location of Bronx Haven Transfer School, NYC Charter High School for Architecture, Engineering and Construction Industries (84X395), and Alfred E. Smith Career and Technical Education High School in School Building X600

I. Summary of Proposal

Before the start of the 2010-2011 school year, Bronx Haven High School (“Bronx Haven”) will move from its current location in school building X140, located at 916 Eagle Avenue, Bronx, in Community School District 8 (“District 8”) to school building X600 (hereinafter referred to as “X600”), located at 333 East 151 Street, Bronx, in Community District 7 (“District 7”). Also, before the start of the 2010-2011 school year, the New York City Charter High School for Architecture, Engineering and Construction Industries (“AECI”) will move from its current location at a private facility, located at 300 East 140 Street, the Bronx to school building X600. X600 currently houses Alfred E. Smith Career and Technical Education High School (“Alfred E. Smith”). Bronx Haven, AECI, and Alfred E. Smith will be co-located in X600.

In December 2009, the Department of Education (“DOE”) announced a proposal to phase-out and eventually close Alfred E. Smith and, on December 11, 2009, issued an Educational Impact Statement on the proposal. Subsequently, the DOE revised its proposal to phase-out and close Alfred E. Smith, announcing that instead of phasing out the school completely, the DOE would instead phase out only the school’s Architectural Engineering and Building Construction Technology Career and Technology (“CTE”) programs and retain its Automotive Technology CTE programs. On January 27, 2010, the DOE published a Revised Educational Impact Statement on the revised proposal. After a joint public hearing, the Panel for Educational Policy will vote on the revised proposal at its February 24, 2010 meeting. The proposal to site Bronx Haven and AECI at X600 is contingent upon the Panel’s approval of the phase-down of Alfred E. Smith.

Bronx Haven is a high performing transfer school that currently serves about 100 students in grades 9-12. Transfer schools are small, academically rigorous, diploma granting high schools designed to re-engage students who are over-age and under-credited or who have dropped out of high school. Interested students apply directly to the transfer school through its school-based process. The move of Bronx Haven to X600 will allow the school to grow to its intended size of 175-225. AECI is a charter high school that prepares its students for careers in the fields of architecture, construction, and engineering through project-based learning, apprenticeships, and mentorship programs. AECI opened in September 2008 and currently serves grades 9-10. The move of AECI to X600 will allow AECI to grow to a full 9-12 grade scale by 2011-2012 and will provide additional CTE options in the X600 building.

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The 2008-2009 target utilization rate of X600 was 75%, and its target capacity was 1,562. There is sufficient space in X600 for Bronx Haven, AECI, and Alfred E. Smith’s automotive technology program to operate at full organizational capacity after Alfred E. Smith’s phase-down is complete. Moving Bronx Haven to X600 will allow the school to grow to its intended size so that it can continue to provide high quality transfer school options to students in the Bronx. AECI will address the need to provide high quality architecture, construction, and engineering training programs in the Bronx.

II. Enrollment, Admissions, and School Performance

A. Bronx Haven

1. Enrollment

Current Grades Served:	9-12
Current Enrollment (As of 10/31/2009 ATS Unaudited Register):	112
Grades Served 2010-2011:	9-12
Projected 2010-2011 Enrollment:	100-150
Grades Served At Scale (2011-2012):	9-12
Projected Enrollment at Scale (2011-2012):	175-225

2. Admissions

Students apply to Bronx Haven through its school-based admissions process.

3. School Performance

Progress Report and Quality Review data are not available because Bronx Haven opened in 2008-2009.

Accountability Status

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

Overall State Status

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(2008-2009): In Good Standing

Status with
Differentiated
Accountability
(2009-2010):

In Good Standing

Average Attendance
(2008-2009):

73.2%

To access a copy of the 2008-2009 Attendance Report for Bronx Haven, please visit <http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/data/stats/attendance>.

B. AECI

1. Enrollment

Current Grades Served: 9-10

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

239

Grades Served 2010-2011:

9-11

Projected 2010-2011
Enrollment:

355-375

Grades Served At Scale
(2011-2012):

9-12

Projected Enrollment
at Scale (2011-2012):

450-500

2. Admissions

Pursuant to New York State Education Law, AECI admits students via lottery. District 7 residents will be given priority in the charter school lottery process.

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,

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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 are not available because AECI opened in 2008-2009. Charter schools do not receive Quality Reviews from the DOE.

Accountability Status

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

Overall State Status
(2008-2009): Subject to Charter School Law
Provisions

Status with
Differentiated
Accountability
(2009-2010): Pending

Average Attendance
(2008-2009): 85.5%

To access a copy of the 2008-2009 Attendance Report for AECI, please visit <http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/data/stats/attendance>.

C. Alfred E. Smith

1. Enrollment

Current Grades Served: 9-12

Current Enrollment (As of
10/31/2009 ATS
Unaudited Register): 1,103

Grades Served 2010-2011: 9-12

Projected 2010-2011
Enrollment: 850-950

2. CTE Programs of Study Offerings

Automotive Technology Programs

Automotive Technology (State Approved)

Autobody – Collision Repair

Building Construction Technology Programs

Building Maintenance – HVAC (State Approved)

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Construction Technology – Carpentry (State Approved)
Construction Technology – Electrical (State Approved)
Construction Technology – Plumbing (State Approved)
Architectural Engineering Programs
Architectural Engineering

To view a list of available Career and Technical Education Programs of Study, please visit <http://schools.nyc.gov/ChoicesEnrollment/SpecialPrograms/CTE> .

3. Admissions

Students apply to programs offered at Alfred E. Smith through the citywide High School Admissions Process. With the proposed phase-down of the school, the only CTE program that will continue to be available to applicants is the Automotive Technology Program; the other program offerings will be closed.

4. School Performance

Progress Report Grades

2007-2008:	C
2008-2009:	C

Graduation Rate (2008-2009):	45.7%
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Quality Review Scores

2007-2008:	Well Developed
2008-2009:	Proficient

Accountability Status

Overall Federal Status (2008-2009):	Restructuring - Year 1
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Overall State Status (2008-2009):	Requiring Academic Progress - Year 5
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Status with Differentiated Accountability (2009-2010):	Restructuring (year 2) - Comprehensive
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To access school performance and accountability information for Alfred E. Smith, please visit <http://schools.nyc.gov/SchoolPortals/07/X600/AboutUs/Statistics>.

Average Attendance (2008-2009):	76.3%
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To access copies of the Attendance Reports for Alfred E. Smith, please visit
<http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/data/stats/attendance>.

III. Proposed or Potential Use of X600

With the proposed phase-down of Alfred E. Smith, there will be sufficient space in X600 to house Bronx Haven and AEI. Bronx Haven currently serves grades 9-12 and is a transfer school serving over-age and under-credited students and students who have dropped out of high school. Bronx Haven currently serves about 100 students and this move will allow the school to grow to its intended size of 175-225 in the new location. AEI currently serves grades 9-10 and will serve grades 9-11 in 2010-2011. AEI will continue to phase in one grade at a time in its new location where it will ultimately serve grades 9-12 in 2011-2012. Bronx Haven, AEI, and Alfred E. Smith will be co-located in X600.

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

A. Community Ramifications

Moving Bronx Haven to X600 will allow Bronx Haven to grow to its full size of 175-225 students. Through this expansion, Bronx Haven will be able to better address the needs of overage and under-credited students in the Bronx by providing a high quality transfer option

AEI also provides architecture, engineering, and construction industries programs of study, thus retaining for students in the Bronx the building construction technology pathway that will be phased-down at Alfred E. Smith.

B. Existing Schools

Bronx Haven, AEI, and the Alfred E. Smith Automotive Technology programs will have sufficient space in X600 to operate at full organizational 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 X600 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

All students currently being served at Bronx Haven will continue to have the opportunity to attend Bronx Haven in the new location at X600. All students currently being served at AEI will continue to have the opportunity to attend AEI in the new location at X600.

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Current grade 8 students who are interested in the architecture, engineering, and construction industries pathway offered at Alfred E. Smith should consider applying for the lottery at AECI.

VII. Initial Costs and Savings

The estimated cost of moving supplies and materials to relocate Bronx Haven is \$11,200.00. This estimate is based on previous school relocations. Actual costs incurred will be determined by multiple factors at the time of the move.

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

A. Personnel

Bronx Haven and AECI expect to hire additional teachers due to the increased organizational capacity of the new building.

B. Costs of Instruction

Alfred E. Smith will continue to receive per capita funding based on its enrollment; however, as enrollment at the school decreases with the phase-out of all non-automotive technology CTE pathways, the costs of instruction at the school will decline. Once the phase-down is fully implemented, Alfred E. Smith is expected to lose approximately \$2.9 million in operating per capita funds from its budget as a result of projected reduced enrollment of 603 students.

Bronx Haven will continue to receive per capita funding based on its enrollment. Once the school is relocated and due to the increase in their student register the school is expected to receive approximately \$715,500.00 in additional per capita funding as a result of the increased 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 this estimate 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 a reduction in total 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.

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Charter schools receive a share of state foundation aid appropriated to New York City based upon New York State Per Pupil Allocation (PPA) rate.

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C. Administration

Bronx Haven and AECI may hire additional school supervisor and/or administrator personnel due to the increased organizational capacity of the new building.

D. Transportation

After the re-siting of Bronx Haven and AECI, student 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.

IX. Building Information

A. Building Type, Age and Physical Condition

X600 is a high school building that was built in 1932. The building received an overall rating of 2.62 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 X600, please visit

<http://schools.nyc.gov/community/facilities/BFIS>.

2008-2009 Target capacity: 1,562

2008-2009 Target utilization rate: 75%

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: \$22,649.79

Materials: \$9,929.75

Maintenance and Repair Contracts: \$10,309.03

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Service Contracts:	\$7,800.00
Custodial Operations	
Materials:	\$19,877.63
Custodial Allocation:	\$594,895.44

C. Fiscal Year 2009 Energy Costs

Electric:	\$171,489.00
Gas:	\$3,136.00
Oil:	\$160,018.00

D. Recent and Planned Improvements

Recent improvements to X600 include library construction, telephone system installation, an electrical systems upgrade, and surveillance camera installation.

Planned improvements proposed include system replacements and a concrete paved area in 2010.

E. Special Features

The building has an auditorium, cafeteria, five computer rooms/class rooms, a gymnasium, a library, and four science lab rooms/classrooms. The building also has auto shops, electrical workshops, drafting rooms, plumbing classrooms, carpentry shops, and Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning classroom.