

## **Educational Impact Statement**

### **Proposal for a Significant Change in the Utilization of School Building K332: The Phase-Out and Eventual Closure of P.S. 332 Charles H. Houston (23K332) and Co- location of a New School, 23K747, and Collegiate Charter School in K332**

#### **I. Summary of Proposal**

Beginning in the 2010-2011 school year, P.S. 332 Charles H. Houston (23K332, “P.S. 332”), an existing school serving pre-Kindergarten and grades K-8, will be phased out of operation. P.S. 332 is housed in school building K332 (hereinafter referred to as “K332”), located at 51 Christopher Avenue, Brooklyn in Community School District 23 (“District 23”). An Alternative Learning Center (K992, “Alternative Learning Center”) is also located at K332. The 2008-2009 utilization rate of K332 was 60%, and its target capacity was 925.

In 2010-2011, P.S. 332 will begin phasing out multiple grade levels per year. Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, and grades 2, 3, and 6 will be eliminated in 2010-2011 and grades 4 and 7 will be eliminated in 2011-2012. The school will close in June 2012.

The proposal to phase-out and eventually close P.S. 332 is based on the Department of Education’s (DOE) determination that the school lacks the capacity to significantly improve student performance. Under the DOE’s accountability framework, schools that receive an overall grade of D or F on the Progress Report are subject to school improvement measures. If no significant progress is made over time, a leadership change (subject to contractual obligations), restructuring, or closure is possible. The same is true for schools receiving a C for three years in a row and for schools that the Chancellor has determined lack the necessary capacity to improve student performance. Decisions about the consequences a school will face are based on the school’s Progress Report grades, Quality Review scores, and a variety of other factors. Additional factors contributing to decisions regarding school restructuring, closure, or phase-out include the demand for the school’s services, structural factors such as principal tenure and special population concentration, comparative quality of existing options, and potential replacement options.

P.S. 332 received a C on its 2006-2007, 2007-2008, and 2008-2009 Progress Reports. In 2009, the DOE conducted an assessment of the school’s capacity to improve student performance. After consultation with internal stakeholders, the DOE determined that P.S. 332 had not made sufficient progress for its students. Due to the school’s failure to make sufficient progress, the DOE now proposes the phase-out of the school.

The phase-out and eventual closure of P.S. 332 will create available space in K332 to house two new schools, 23K747 and Collegiate Charter School. 23K747 will open in K332 in 2010-2011 and will serve grades K-3 with an enrollment of approximately 180 students. Collegiate Charter School, a new public school that received final approval for its charter application, will open in K332 in 2010-2011 serving grade 5 and will eventually serve grades 5-

8. This proposal addresses the need to provide higher quality elementary and middle school options throughout the City.

**II. Enrollment, Admissions, and School Performance for Existing Schools in K332**

**A. P.S. 332**

**1. Enrollment**

Current Grades Served:	K-8
Current Enrollment (As of 10/31/2009 ATIS Unaudited Register):	500
Grades Served 2010-2011:	4, 5, 7, and 8
Projected 2010-2011 Enrollment:	190-210

**2. Admissions**

Students have been admitted to P.S. 332’s elementary and middle school grades according to zoning. In 2010-2011, P.S. 332 will no longer accept students in the K332 zone for grades K-3 and 6. Students may apply to other pre-Kindergarten programs through the standard citywide pre-Kindergarten admissions process.

**3. School Performance**

Progress Report Grades

2006-2007:	C
2007-2008:	C
2008-2009:	C

Math Score (2008-2009): 61.2% of students scored at Level 3 or 4

English Language Arts Score (2008-2009): 51.8% of students scored at Level 3 or 4

Quality Review Scores

2007-2008:	Proficient
2008-2009:	Proficient

Accountability Status

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

Overall State Status  
(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. 332, please visit  
<http://schools.nyc.gov/SchoolPortals/23/K332/AboutUs/Statistics>.

Average Attendance  
(2008-2009): 87.6%

To access copies of the Attendance Report for P.S. 332 please visit  
<http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/data/stats/attendance>.

### **III. Proposed or Potential Use of K332**

Space made available by the phase-out of P.S. 332 will be used to house two new schools, 23K747 and Collegiate Charter School. In 2010-2011, 23K747 will serve grades Kindergarten-3 students with an enrollment of 150-180 students. At scale, 23K747 will serve 330-360 students. Students entering Kindergarten and grades 1-3 from the K332 zone will attend 23K747.

Collegiate Charter School is a new public charter middle school that will open in K332 in 2010-2011. It will serve grade 5 in 2010-2011 with an enrollment of 78 students. At scale, Collegiate Charter School will serve 250-270 students in grades 5-8. In accordance with state law, admissions to Collegiate Charter School will be determined by lottery.

### **IV. Impact of the Phase-Out on the Community, Existing Schools and Students**

#### **A. Community Ramifications**

Approximately 500 total elementary and middle school seats will be eliminated by the phase-out of P.S. 332. However, these eliminated seats will be recovered through the phase-in of new schools in the district. The elementary school seats will be recovered through the phase-in of 23K747 at K332. The middle school seats will be recovered through the phase-ins of Collegiate Charter School and a new DOE middle school, 23K671. 23K671 will open in 2010-2011 at another location in District 23. It will serve grade 6 in 2010-2011 and will eventually serve grades 6-8 at scale. 23K671 will be sited in the school building K263, which is located at 210 Chester Street in District 23. Students may apply to 23K671 through the middle school choice process, and students from the K332 zone will receive preference in the admissions process.

#### **B. Existing Schools**

During the course of P.S. 332's phase-out and the phase-ins of 23K747 and Collegiate Charter School at K332, all schools will have sufficient instructional space to serve students in K332 as

per the citywide instructional footprint. After implementation of the proposal, 23K747, Collegiate Charter School, and the Alternative Learning Center will have sufficient space to operate at full organizational capacity. A space plan for all schools and programs in the building will be developed based on the standard instructional footprint. Decisions regarding the programming of shared spaces in K332 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/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).

### **C. Students**

Beginning September 2010, students in grades K-3 who are currently enrolled in P.S. 332 will be transferred to 23K747. New students residing in the K332 zone will enroll in 23K747.

Students in grades 4 and 5 enrolled at P.S. 332 will have the opportunity to complete elementary school at P.S. 332 while the phase-out is implemented. Grade 5 students will also have the opportunity to apply to Collegiate Charter School.

Students in grades 7 and 8 enrolled at P.S. 332 will have the opportunity to complete middle school while the phase-out is implemented.

Students currently in grade 6 at P.S. 332 will attend 23K671 or apply for a seat in another school through the middle school choice process.

### **V. Initial Costs and Savings**

Once the phase-out is fully implemented, approximately \$310,000 in annual fixed funding currently allocated to P.S. 332 will be repurposed by the DOE.

New district schools are provided with a fixed per school allocation and a variable per pupil allocation of funds to cover start-up costs. Based on current one-time allocations for new schools, 23K747 will receive a fixed allocation of \$80,000. 23K747 will receive approximately \$140,760 based on variable per pupil allocations in 2010-2011.

Beginning in 2010-2011, 23K747 will receive approximately \$225,000 annually in fixed Fair Student Funding foundation allocations to fund administrative costs and an additional annual allocation of \$85,000 in Children First supplemental funding.

All dollar amounts are based on FY10 allocations and are subject to change based on adjustments to the DOE's overall operating budget.

Charter schools receive a share of state foundation aid appropriated to the DOE based upon the New York State per pupil allocation (PPA) rate.

### **VI. Effect on Personnel Needs and Costs of Instruction,**

## **Administration, Transportation and Other Support Services**

### **A. Personnel**

All teaching positions assigned to P.S. 332 will be eliminated over the course of the phase-out. However, the elimination of these assignments will not necessarily result in an overall loss of teaching positions within the citywide system due to transfers to other existing assignments and the creation of additional pedagogical positions with the phase-in of new or replacement schools.

23K747 is expected to hire additional teachers as each new grade is added. All new schools opening in phase-out campuses must adhere to Article 18-D of the United Federation of Teachers (UFT) contract. Article 18-D requires that if a sufficient number of displaced staff from the closing or phasing-out school applies, at least 50% of the new schools' pedagogical positions shall be selected from among the appropriately licensed most senior applicants from the closing or phasing-out school who meet the new school's qualifications. Guidance counselor, lab specialist, school secretary and paraprofessional positions are also subject to Article 18-D.

### **B. Costs of Instruction**

Once the phase-out is fully implemented, the DOE will repurpose all funds currently allocated to P.S. 332.

Once fully phased-in at its new location, 23K747 is expected to receive approximately \$1,441,206 in additional annual per capita funding as a result of the increased enrollment. This estimate is based on current Fair Student Funding (FSF) foundation funding and 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. These funds may, at the school's discretion, be used for teaching positions, curriculum materials, general instructional supplies, administration, or other support services. Please note that per capita funds allocated to the school as a result of this proposal do not represent additional 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**

All school supervisor and/or administrator positions assigned to P.S. 332 will be eliminated as a result of the phase-out.

23K747 is expected to hire school supervisors and/or non-pedagogical personnel as needed.

### **D. Transportation**

Throughout the phase-out of P.S. 332, transportation will 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**

K332 is an elementary school building that was built in 1967. The building received an overall rating of 2.43 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 K332, please visit

<http://schools.nyc.gov/SchoolPortals/23/K332/AboutUs/Statistics>.

2008-2009 Target capacity: 925

2008-2009 Target utilization rate: 60%

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: \$27,739.79

Materials: \$23,351.69

Maintenance and Repair Contracts: \$27,048.60

Service Contracts: \$4,530.00

Custodial Operations

Materials: \$6,643.35

Custodial Allocation: \$267,343.06

**C. Fiscal Year 2009 Energy Costs**

Electric: \$106,895.00

Gas: \$1,549.00

Oil: \$58,005.00

**D. Recent and Planned Improvements**

Recent improvements include a data and broadcast technology upgrade and computers upgrade.

**E. Special Features**

The building has art rooms, an auditorium, a cafeteria, two gymnasiums, a library, computer rooms, and a science lab.

School building K332 is functionally accessible.