

Educational Impact Statement

Proposal for a Significant Change in the Utilization of School Building R831: Co-location of a New School, 31R071, with Existing Schools in R831

I. Summary of Proposal

In the 2010-2011 school year, 31R071, a new elementary school serving grades PK-5, will be housed in school building R831 (hereinafter referred to as “R831”) located at 211 Daniel Low Terrace, Staten Island, NY in Community School District 31 (“District 31”). R831 has a capacity of 386, and its 2008-2009 utilization rate was 79%.

Beginning in 2010-2011, 31R071 will begin to phase in grade levels until it reaches its full PK-5 grade scale. In 2010-2011, the school will serve grades PK-1 with an enrollment of 90-120 students. Grade 2 will be added in 2011-2012. 31R071 will serve its full complement of grades beginning in the 2014-2015 school year, and will have a target enrollment of 286-336 students.

Currently, PS 16 John J. Driscoll (31R016 “PS 16”), a zoned District 31 elementary school, uses R831 as an annex. Its main building is located at 80 Monroe Avenue, which shares the school yard with R831. Currently, P.S. 16 serves grades PK-3 in its main building and grades 4-5 in R831.

PS 16 and 31R071 will share an elementary school zone. With the phase-in of the new elementary school, 31R071, the enrollment of P.S. 16 will decrease and the school will ultimately be able to serve all of its students in its main building. When 31R071 is at scale, it will be the sole school in the R831 building, and PS 16 will be housed entirely in its main building. This proposal creates an additional elementary school option for families living in this zone.

II. Enrollment, Admissions, and School Performance Information for School to be Located with 31R071 in R831

A. Enrollment

Current Grades Served:	PK-5
Current Enrollment (As of 10/31/2009 ATS Unaudited Register):	1,064
Grades Served 2010-2011:	PK-5
Projected 2010-2011	

Enrollment: 950-1000

Grades Served At Scale
(2014-2015): PK-5

Projected Enrollment
at Scale (2014-2015): 650-800

B. Admissions

Pre-kindergarten admissions will be through the standard citywide process. For grades K-5, students are admitted to P.S. 195 according to zoning.

C. School Performance

Progress Report Scores

2007-2008: C
2008-2009: A

Math Score
(2008-2009): 71.8% of students scored at Level 3 or 4

English Language Arts
Score (2008-2009): 52.8% of students scored at Level 3 or 4

Quality Review Scores

2007-2008: Proficient
2008-2009: Proficient

Accountability Status

Overall Federal
Status (2008-2009): Restructuring - Year 4

Overall State Status
(2008-2009): Requiring Academic Progress - Year 8

Status with
Differentiated
Accountability
(2009-2010): Restructuring (Advanced) - Focused

To access school performance and accountability information for PS 16, please visit <http://schools.nyc.gov/SchoolPortals/31/R016/AboutUs/Statistics>.

Average Attendance: 90.7%

To access a copy of Attendance Reports for PS 16, please visit <http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/data/stats/attendance>.

III. Proposed or Potential Use of R831

In the 2010-2011 school year, 31R071, a new elementary school serving grades PK-5, will be housed in school building R831. In 2010-2011, 31R071 will begin to phase in grade levels until it reaches its full PK-5 grade scale. In 2010-2011, the school will serve grades PK-1 with an enrollment of 90-120 students. 31R071 will serve its full complement of grades beginning in the 2014-2015 school year, and will have a target enrollment of 286-336 students.

P.S. 16 currently houses grade levels 4 and 5 at R831. As 31R071 phases-in, the enrollment of P.S. 16 will decrease and the school will be able to house additional grade levels in its main building. The principal of P.S. 16, in collaboration with the principal of 31R071, will decide which of P.S. 16's classes will be housed in the annex in the 2010-2011 school year. By September 2014, all of P.S. 16's classes will be housed entirely in the main building.

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

A. Community Ramifications

The siting of 31R071 in R831 creates an additional elementary school option and reduces enrollment at PS 16.

B. Existing Schools

PS 16 will continue to have sufficient instructional space to serve students in R831 throughout the course of the phase-in of 31R071, as per the citywide instructional footprint. After the phase-in of 31R071 is complete, P.S. 16 will have sufficient space to serve its entire student population at its main building. Decisions regarding the programming of shared spaces will be made by school leaders.

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

C. Students

No students currently enrolled in 31R071 and PS 16 in R831 will be displaced as a result of this proposal.

V. Initial Costs and Savings

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, 31R071 will receive a fixed allocation of \$80,000 and a variable per pupil allocation of \$46,920 in 2010-2011. In addition, 31R071 will receive approximately \$21,600 based on variable per pupil allocations during the course of its phase-in.

Beginning in 2010-2011, 31R071 will receive approximately \$225,000 in annual fixed Fair Student Funding foundation allocations to fund administrative costs and an additional \$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.

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

A. Personnel

31R071 is expected to hire additional teachers as each new grade is added. Hiring for the first year of operation is governed by Article 18-D of the United Federation of Teachers (UFT) contract. Article 18-D requires that first year hiring in new schools is done by personnel committee.

B. Costs of Instruction

Once the phase-in is complete, 31R071 is expected to receive approximately \$1,201,005 in annual per capita funding. 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 students' achievement levels and needs cannot be predicted. These additional funds may, at the school's discretion, be used for additional 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

31R071 is expected to hire school supervisors and/or administrator personnel as needed.

D. Transportation

Transportation for students attending 31R071 will be provided pursuant to Chancellor's Regulation A-801. Transportation for P.S. 16 students 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

R831 is an elementary school annex building. The building received an overall rating of 2.25 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 R016, please visit <http://schools.nyc.gov/community/facilities/BFIS>.

Target capacity: 386

Target utilization rate: 79%

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: \$10,156.00

Materials: \$1,021.00

Maintenance and Repair Contracts: \$9,755.00

Service Contracts: \$0.00

Custodial Operations	
Materials:	\$1,748.00
Custodial Allocation:	\$72,467.00

C. Fiscal Year 2009 Energy Costs

Electric:	\$39,579.00
Gas:	\$30,154.00
Oil:	\$0.00

D. Recent and Planned Improvements

There have not been any recent improvements, and no improvements are planned at this time.

E. Special Features

School building R831 has a cafeteria.