

## **Educational Impact Statement**

### **Proposal for a Significant Change in the Utilization of School Building K398: Co-location of a New School, 17K770, with an Existing School in K398**

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

Beginning in 2010-2011, 17K770, a new elementary school will implement a gradual phase in of grades K-5 in school building K398 (hereinafter referred to as “K398”) located at 60 East 94th Street, Brooklyn in Community School District 17 (“District 17”). 17K770 will co-locate with PS 398 Walter Weaver (17K398, “PS 398”) in K398. K398 has a capacity of 1,000, and its 2008-2009 target utilization rate was 34%.

Beginning in 2010-2011, 17K770 will serve grades K-1 with an enrollment of 100-120 students. An additional grade will be added each school year until the school reaches its full grade scale in 2014-2015. At scale, 17K770 will have an enrollment of 340-360 students.

PS 398 Walter Weaver (17K398, “PS 398”) is currently housed in K398 and will remain in the building. K398 has sufficient space for PS 398 and 17K348 to operate at full organizational capacity. This proposal addresses the need to provide additional elementary school seats in District 17.

An Educational Impact Statement on this proposal was published on the Department of Education’s website on December 11, 2009. The Educational Impact Statement indicated that the DBN code for the new school was 17K748; however, since the posting of the Educational Impact Statement, the DBN code for the school has changed. It will now be 17K770.

#### **II. Enrollment, Admissions, and School Performance Information for School to be Located with 17K770 in K398**

##### **PS 398**

##### **1. Enrollment**

Current Grades Served: PK-5

Current Enrollment (As of  
10/31/2009 ATS  
Unaudited Register): 361

Grades Served 2010-2011: PK-5

Projected 2010-2011  
Enrollment: 350-400

**2. Admissions**

Prekindergarten students are admitted to PS 398 through the standard citywide process. Grades K-5 admissions are zoned.

**3. School Performance**

Progress Report Scores

2007-2008: D  
2008-2009: A

Math Score  
(2008-2009): 72.9% of students scored at Level 3 or 4

English Language Arts  
Score (2008-2009): 55.4% 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 Corrective Action

Overall State Status  
(2008-2009): Required Academic Progress

Status with  
Differentiated  
Accountability  
(2009-2010): Corrective Action (year 1) – Focused

To access school performance and accountability information for PS 398, please visit <http://schools.nyc.gov/SchoolPortals/17/K398/AboutUs/Statistics/>

Average Attendance  
(2008-2009): 90.9%

To access copies of the Attendance Reports for PS 398, please visit

<http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/data/stats/attendance/>.

### **III. Proposed or Potential Use of K398**

Beginning in 2010-2011, 17K770 will begin a gradual phase-in of grades until it reaches its full K-5 grade scale. In 2010-2011, the school will serve grades K-1 with an enrollment of 100-120 students. An additional grade will be added each school year until the school reaches its full grade scale in 2014-2015. At scale, 17K770 will have an enrollment of 340-360 students. P.S. 398 will remain in the building.

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

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

Approximately 340-360 District 17 elementary school seats will be created by the opening and eventual full phase-in of 17K770 in K398. Siting 17K770 in K398 addresses the need for high quality elementary school options for District 17 families.

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

During implementation of the phase-in of 17K770, PS 398 will continue to have sufficient instructional space to serve students in K398 as per the citywide instructional footprint. Once the phase-in of 17K770 is complete, both 17K770 and PS 398 will have sufficient space to operate at full organizational capacity in K398. A space plan for the schools will be developed in accordance with the citywide instructional footprint. Decisions about 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](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 schools in K398 or other schools in District 17 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, 17K770 will receive a fixed allocation of \$80,000 and a variable per pupil allocation of \$46,920 in 2010-2011. In addition, 17K770 will receive approximately \$24,000 based on variable per pupil allocations during the course of its phase-in.

Beginning in 2010-2011, 17K770 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**

17K770 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, 17K770 is expected to receive approximately \$1,441,206 in annual per capita funding.

The above 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**

17K770 is expected to hire school supervisors and/or administrator personnel as needed.

**D. Transportation**

Transportation for students attending 17K770 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**

K398 is a elementary school building that was built in 1977. The building received an overall rating of 2.77 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 K398, please visit <http://schools.nyc.gov/community/facilities/BFIS>.

Target capacity: 1,000

Target utilization rate: 34%

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:	\$ 11,836.00
Materials:	\$ 6,688.00
Maintenance and Repair Contracts:	\$ 59,324.00
Service Contracts:	\$0.00
Custodial Operations	
Materials:	\$ 8,252.00
Custodial Allocation:	\$ 339,798.00

**C. Fiscal Year 2009 Energy Costs**

Electric:	\$ 121,678.00
Gas:	\$ 225.00
Oil:	\$ 70,780.00

**D. Recent and Planned Improvements**

In fiscal year 2009, surveillance cameras were installed.

Items proposed in the 2010-2014 Capital Plan include upgrades and/or repairs to the building's roof, safety system, windows, masonry, electrical system, and parapets.

**E. Special Features**

K398 has an auditorium, cafeteria, computer room, gymnasium, and library.