

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SCOPING & INTENT TO PREPARE
A DRAFT TARGETED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

NAME OF ACTION: New High School Q497

LOCATION: 165-18 Hillside Avenue, Queens, New York
Tax Block 9816, Lots 39, 41, and 49

This notice is issued pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617, adopted pursuant to section 3.0301(1)(b), (2)(m) and 8-0113 of the Environmental Conservation Law (ECL), State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA). Pursuant to §1730.2 of the Public Authorities Law, the New York City School Construction Authority (SCA) is deemed the lead agency for the purposes of implementation of the environmental review procedures prescribed by article 8 of the ECL and the rules and regulations promulgated by the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) pursuant thereto SEQR. The SCA, as Lead Agency, intends to prepare a Targeted Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed action described below.

On behalf of the New York City Department of Education (DOE), the SCA proposes to construct a new, approximately 801-seat high school (HS) facility, currently known as HS Q497, at 165-18 Hillside Avenue, Queens in the Jamaica Hills section of Queens. The proposed new school facility will serve students in grade levels 9 through 12 within the Borough of Queens, including District 75 students. It is anticipated that the new school facility will open for student occupancy in September 2026.

The SCA has determined the proposed project to be an Unlisted Action per SEQRA; which requires a determination of significance. The SCA has prepared a Full Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) and Supplemental Studies for the proposed action and determined that the proposed project may result in traffic impacts.

The SCA is issuing this Notice, having determined that, because the proposed project may result in one or more significant adverse impacts to the environment, a Targeted DEIS will be prepared to assess the impact(s) and propose possible mitigation.

Copies of the draft scope analysis for the Targeted DEIS may be obtained from the SCA's website at <http://www.nycsca.org/Community/New-School-Sites>; a hard copy may be viewed at 30-30 Thomson Avenue, Long Island City, New York, 11101; or a copy may be requested in writing at the aforementioned address. Written comments on the draft scope of analysis may be submitted by mail or electronically at sites@nycsca.org. The SCA will accept written comments until the close of business on August 19, 2021.