

NOTICE OF FILING

NEW YORK CITY SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY

Pursuant to §1731 of the New York City School Construction Authority Act, notice has been filed for the proposed site selection of Block 2108, portion of Lot 1, located in the Borough of Queens, for the construction of a new, approximately 306-seat Universal Pre-Kindergarten facility in Community School District No. 24.

The proposed site is located within Flushing Meadows-Corona Park and contains approximately 43,515 square feet (0.999 acres) of lot area. It is located just northwest of the New York Hall of Science building at 46-01 111th Street in the Corona section of Queens. The site plan and supplemental materials summarizing the proposed action are available at:

New York City School Construction Authority
30-30 Thomson Avenue
Long Island City, New York 11101

Attention: Ross J. Holden

Comments on the proposed actions are to be submitted to the New York City School Construction Authority at the above address or by email to sites@nycsca.org and will be accepted until July 19, 2018.

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PROJECTED STUDENT POPULATION FOR COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 24

Year	Projected Student Population (Pre-K to Grade 5)
2015-2016	34,077
2016-2017	34,013
2017-2018	33,750
2018-2019	33,265
2019-2020	32,767
2020-2021	32,393

Source: *Enrollment Projections 2016 to 2025, New York City Public Schools. Statistical Forecasting LLC, April 2017*

The School Construction Authority utilizes professional service from a well-established demographic consultant. Additionally, the SCA utilizes the data provided by the Department of City Planning, Department of Building and Department of Housing Preservation & Development to estimate the number of students that would be generated by projected housing development.

By 2020 (which is the year when student occupancy of the proposed school facility is anticipated to commence), the community school district is projected to have 32,722 primary school students enrolled in Pre-Kindergarten through fifth grade, taking into account both the demographic projection and estimated housing growth. This number suggests a potential increase of up to 1,786 students from the current enrollment of all existing Community District No. 24 primary schools which would, in the future without the proposed schools, be anticipated to experience a target utilization rate of 119%. Should the proposed primary school facility be constructed, the overall target utilization rate would be reduced to 118%.

PROJECTED STUDENT POPULATION FOR COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 24 SCHOOLS IN QUEENS COMMUNITY DISTRICT NO. 04

Community District No. 04 contains twelve (12) primary schools within Community School District No. 24. In the 2015-16 school years, these schools served a total enrollment of 13,602 students. Assuming the projected enrollment changes referenced above are proportionally reflected in these schools, the projected utilization of these schools are expected to be consistent with the trend seen in the projected overall utilization for all primary schools in Community School District No. 24 and that the proposed school facility would reduce the overutilization of the existing school facilities.



SITE PLAN FOR A NEW, APPROXIMATELY XXX-PRE-K FACILITY, QUEENS
Queens Block 2018, Portion of Lot 1
Community School District No. 24



ALTERNATE SITE ANALYSIS

NEW, APPROXIMATELY 306-SEAT PRE-KINDERGARTEN FACILITY BLOCK 2108 PORTION OF LOT 1 COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 24

The proposed 306-seat Pre-Kindergarten is located to be located within Flushing-Meadows Corona Park. This is a unique opportunity for the Department of Education to begin to engage children in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math (STEAM) at an early age. Given the intended close partnership planned with the New York Hall of Science (HOS), it is imperative that the new Pre-K facility be in close proximity to the HOS as possible, for ease of access, time management during the school day and the safety of moving young children between the UPK and HOS facilities. The proposed 306-seat facility will be located just off of 111th Street and share vehicle access with the HOS Driveway. This allows for easy access via car, transit or by foot.

The earlier children are familiarized with, and excited about STEAM, the more likely the children will continue this interest through primary, middle and high school, thus positioning them better for 21st century jobs. The proposed new UPK facility at Fresh Meadows-Corona Park is such an opportunity. Since this site is located within existing mapped parkland, the City of New York has received approval from the New York State Legislature to discontinue certain parkland for the purpose of construction and operation of a pre-kindergarten center with a focus on instruction in science, technology, engineering and mathematics in June of 2017 and executed by Governor Cuomo in December 2017.

The Department of Education's Five-Year Capital Plan for 2015-2019 allocates \$872 million in funding for the creation of new pre-kindergarten seats.