

Educational Impact Statement

Grade Expansion of Girls Preparatory Charter School of New York (84M330)

I. Summary of Proposal

Pending final approval of the charter grade expansion application by the Board of Regents, in the 2010-2011 school year, Girls Preparatory Charter School of New York (84M330, "Girls Prep"), an existing single-sex charter school serving grades K-5, will implement a gradual grade reconfiguration plan to expand its current grade configuration to K-8.

Girls Prep is housed in school building M188 (hereinafter referred to as "M188"), located at 442 East Houston Street, Manhattan in Community School District 1 ("District 1"). Girls Prep is currently co-located with two other schools, P.S. 188 The Island School (01M188, "P.S. 188) and a District 75 Program, P.S. M094 (75M094, "P.S. M094), in M188. P.S. M094 currently serves grades 4-9 at M188. P.S. M094 students will graduate and enroll in other schools over the next few years and no students will be displaced. Space will be created through graduation of current students over the next several years, thereby reducing the total number of sections from nine to five with corresponding declines in student enrollment and space need. P.S. M094 will continue to serve middle school students in the building and enrollment will be based on the enrollment needs of District 75. M188 has a capacity of 1,010 and its 2008-2009 target utilization rate was 67%. In the long term, as P.S. M094 students matriculate, M188 will have sufficient space for the grade expansion of Girls Prep, and for P.S. M094 and P.S. 188 to operate at full organizational capacity. There will be no students displaced at P.S. M094 or P.S. 188 by the expansion of Girls Prep.

In 2010-2011, Girls Prep will add grade 6 and will serve grades K-6. Grade 7 will be added in 2011, and grade 8 will be added in 2012. The grade expansion of Girls Prep will create approximately 200-250 new middle school seats for female students in District 1. This proposal will create a high quality middle school option in District 1.

II. Enrollment, Admissions, and School Performance Information

A. Girls Prep

1. Enrollment

Current Grades Served: K-5

Current Enrollment (As of
10/31/2009 ATS
Unaudited Register): 261

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Grades Served 2010-2011:	K-6
Projected 2010-2011 Enrollment:	300-310
Grades Served At Scale (2012-2013):	K-8
Projected Enrollment at Scale (2012-2013):	435-535

2. Admissions

Pursuant to New York State Education Law, Girls Prep will continue to admit students via lottery. District 1 residents are given priority in the school’s lottery process.

3. School Performance

The New York Charter Schools Act enables the creation of charter schools, which are independently run and publicly funded.

The Charter Schools Act states that charter schools shall be held to “performance-based” accountability systems and must meet measurable student achievement results. The DOE, the New York State Education Department, and the State University of New York hold schools they authorize to a minimum standard of 75% of students achieving proficiency.

Progress Report Grades

2007-2008:	N/A
2008-2009:	A
Math Score (2008-2009):	100.0% of students scored at Level 3 or 4
English Language Arts Score (2008-2009):	95.7% of students scored at Level 3 or 4

Quality Review Scores

2007-2008:	Charter schools do not receive Quality Reviews
2008-2009:	Charter schools do not receive Quality Reviews

Accountability Status

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Overall Federal Status (2008-2009):	In Good Standing
Overall State Status (2008-2009):	Subject to Charter School Law Provisions
Status with Differentiated Accountability (2009-2010):	In Good Standing

To access school performance and accountability information for Girls Prep, please visit <http://schools.nyc.gov/SchoolPortals/01/M330/AboutUs/Statistics>.

Average Attendance (2008-2009):	95.0%
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B. P.S. 188

1. Enrollment

Current Grades Served:	PK-8
Current Enrollment (As of 10/31/2009 ATS Unaudited Register):	356
Grades Served 2010-2011:	PK-8
Projected 2010-2011 Enrollment:	325-375

2. Admissions

P.S. 188 is a zoned school, and K-5 admissions are zoned. Pre-K admissions are determined through the citywide process. Middle school admissions are determined through the middle school choice process, and priority is given first to continuing grade 5 students, then to students residing in District 1

3. School Performance

Progress Report Grades	
2007-2008:	A
2008-2009:	A

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Math Score (2008-2009): 76.9% of students scored at Level 3 or 4

English Language Arts Score (2008-2009): 63.1% of students scored at Level 3 or 4

Quality Review Scores

2007-2008: Well developed
2008-2009: No Quality Review conducted as per Division of Accountability and Achievement Resources review cycle criteria.

Accountability Status

Overall Federal Status (2008-2009): In Good Standing

Overall State Status (2008-2009): In Good Standing

Status with Differentiated Accountability (2009-2010): In Good Standing

To access school performance and accountability information for P.S. 188, please visit <http://schools.nyc.gov/SchoolPortals/01/M188/AboutUs/Statistics>.

Average Attendance (2008-2009): 88.5%

To access copies of the Attendance Reports for P.S. 188, please visit <http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/data/stats/attendance>.

C. P.S. M094

1. Enrollment

Current Grades Served: 4-9

Current Enrollment (As of 10/31/2009 ATS Unaudited Register): 39

Grades Served 2010-2011: 4-9

Projected 2010-2011

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Enrollment: 30-40

2. Admissions

Students are enrolled in District 75 schools and programs according to the classifications on their Individualized Education Plans.

3. School Performance

Progress Reports for District 75 schools are currently in development.

Quality Review Scores

2007-2008:	Proficient
2008-2009:	Proficient

Accountability Status

Overall Federal Status (2008-2009):	Has No Status - No Title I Funding
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Overall State Status (2008-2009):	In Good Standing
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Status with Differentiated Accountability (2009-2010):	In Good Standing
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To access school performance and accountability information for P.S. M094, please visit <http://schools.nyc.gov/SchoolPortals/01/M094/AboutUs/Statistics>.

Average Attendance (2008-2009):	85.9%
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To access copies of the Attendance Reports for P.S. M094, please visit <http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/data/stats/attendance>.

III. Impact of the Proposed Grade Reconfiguration on the Community, Existing Schools and Students

A. Community Ramifications

Approximately 200-250 middle school seats for female students will be gained in District 1 as a result of the grade expansion of Girls Prep.

B. Existing Schools

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Girls Prep, P.S. 188 and P.S. M094 will continue to have sufficient instructional space to serve students in M188 as per the citywide instructional footprint with the grade reconfiguration of Girls Prep.

A space plan for all schools in the building will be developed based on the standard instructional footprint. Decisions regarding the programming of shared spaces in M188 have been made by school leaders at Girls Prep and P.S. M094, who have agreed that Girl's Prep middle grade sections can use the fifth floor of M188. All schools will have sufficient space to meet their instructional needs.

To access the citywide instructional footprint, please visit the New York City Department of Education website at http://schools.nyc.gov/NR/rdonlyres/8CF30F41-DE25-4C30-92DE-731949919FC3/65901/NYCDOE_Instructional_Footprint_revisedMay2009_noco.pdf.

C. Students

In September 2010, grade 5 students enrolled at Girls Prep during the 2009-2010 school year will have the option of continuing at the school for grades 6 through 8.

Grade 4 and 5 female students may apply to attend Girls Prep middle school through the charter school admissions lottery and may be enrolled for grades 5 and 6 beginning September 2010, subject to seat availability. Priority will be given to continuing students, then to students residing in District 1.

IV. Initial Costs and Savings

No initial costs or savings are anticipated as a result of this proposal.

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

A. Personnel

No impacts on P.S. M094 and P.S. 188 personnel are anticipated as a result of this proposal.

New administrative staff and non-pedagogical positions will be created at Girls Prep over the course of the school's phase-in.

Girls Prep is expected to hire additional teachers as each new grade is added.

B. Costs of Instruction

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

C. Administration

No impacts on P.S. M094 or P.S. 188 school supervisors and/or administrative are anticipated as a result of this proposal.

Girls Prep is expected to hire school supervisors and/or administrator personnel as needed.

D. Transportation

This proposal will have no impact on the transportation services provided to any student. Transportation 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

The co-location of Girls Prep, P.S. M094 and P.S. 188 will have no effect on other support services offered to students. Other support services will continue to be provided consistent with citywide policy.

VI. Building Information

A. Building Type, Age and Physical Condition

M188 is a primary school building that was built in 1902. The building received an overall rating of 2.60 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 M188, please visit <http://schools.nyc.gov/community/facilities/BFIS>.

2008-2009 Target utilization rate: 67%

2008-2009 Target capacity: 1,010

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>.

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B. Fiscal Year 2009 Maintenance Costs

Labor:	\$42,677.00
Materials:	\$20,832.00
Maintenance and Repair Contracts:	\$95,135.00
Service Contracts:	\$0.00
Custodial Operations	
Materials:	\$9,441.00
Custodial Allocation:	\$303,966.00

A. Fiscal Year 2009 Energy Costs

Electric:	\$112,226.00
Gas:	\$82,502.00
Oil:	\$7,628.00

B. Recent and Planned Improvements

Recent improvements to M188 include accessibility upgrades and surveillance camera installation.

Improvements proposed in the 2010-2014 Capital Plan are further accessibility upgrades.

C. Special Features

The building has three art rooms, an auditorium, a cafeteria, a computer room, a gymnasium, a library, and a multi-purpose room.