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*Proposal to Un-zone
District 7 Elementary Schools
Presented to CEC 7*



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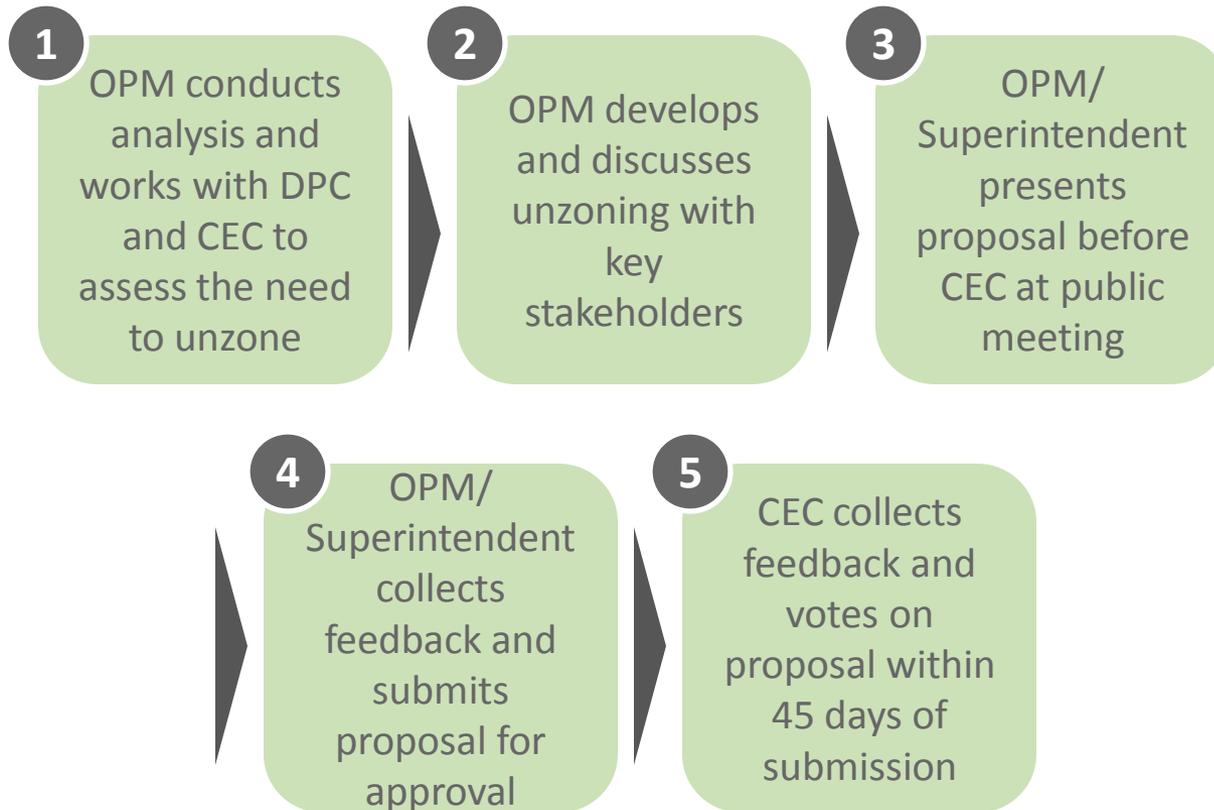
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Rationale for Unzoning

- Un-zoning elementary schools in District 7 will:
 - Increase access to educational options across the district;
 - Provide families with additional information about school options and the ability to indicate a preference from among District 7 elementary schools;
 - Create a process that reflects the preferences of individual families; and
 - Align admissions processes with enrollment trends.
- District 7 is a geographically small district, where families have multiple elementary schools located within walking distance to their places of residence.
- Creating two priority areas within District 7 will:
 - Maintain regional priority without zone priority; and
 - Ensure that all students have access to nearby public schools and the transportation necessary to attend nearby public schools.



Overview of Unzoning Process



Guiding Policies and Principles

What is an Elementary School Unzoning?

Currently, all elementary school children receive priority to the zoned elementary or K-8 school within the zone in which they reside.

If an unzoning is implemented, the current elementary zones would cease to exist. District 7 would be divided into two priority areas in which residents of each area would receive the same priority to all District 7 elementary schools within that area, subject to the Chancellor's Regulation A-101.¹ Students would have greater access to more elementary school options.

Through a centralized application, families may indicate their preferences among all District 7 schools to find the school that is right for each child, based on each family's own criteria.

When would the unzoning be implemented?

Pending approval by the CEC, the proposed changes would take effect for the 2013-2014 academic year.

Who would the unzoning affect?

Pending approval by the CEC, the proposed changes would only impact incoming kindergarten students or new students to the system.

(1) Please be advised that the DOE has proposed certain amendments to Chancellor's Regulation A-101 that may impact the admissions policy for elementary school students. More information concerning these proposed amendments is available at <http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2012-2013/Dec2012PEPRegulations.htm>

The Admissions Process

Students would be enrolled in District 7 elementary schools by the following priority:

- 1) *First Priority.* Students with verified siblings who will be enrolled in grades 1-5 in the school as of September 2013.
 - a. Within Priority Area first, then
 - b. Out of Priority Area, then
 - c. Out of District

- 2) *Second Priority.* Students without siblings enrolled in the school.
 - a. Within Priority Area first, then
 - b. Out of Priority Area, then
 - c. Out of District

(1) Please be advised that on October 26, 2012 the DOE posted proposed amendments to Chancellor's Regulation A-101, which will be voted on by the Panel for Educational Policy on December 20th. If approved, the admissions policy for elementary school students will be impacted for the 2013-2014 school year and thereafter. More information concerning these proposed amendments is available at <http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2012-2013/Dec2012PEPRegulations.htm>

District 7 Elementary Schools: Northern Area¹

DBN	School Name	2012-2013 Grade Span	At Scale Grade Span	2013-14 Projected Kindergarten Enrollment ²	2013-14 Projected Total Enrollment ³	Total Capacity ⁴	2013-14 Projected Utilization
07X001	P.S. 1 Courtlandt School	K – 5	K – 5	110 – 120	635 – 695	757	85% - 90%
07X025	P.S. 25 Bilingual School ⁵	K – 5	K – 5	75 - 95	385 - 445	525	75% - 85%
07X157	P.S. 157 Grove Hill	K – 5	K – 5	85 – 95	570 – 630	799	70% - 80%
07X161	P.S. 161 Ponce De Leon	K – 5	K – 5	65 – 75	530 – 590	674	80% - 90%
07X385	Performance School	K – 5	K – 5	85 – 90	565 – 625	733	75% - 85%
07X005	PS 5 Port Morris	K – 6	K – 8	65 – 75	550 – 630	N/A ⁶	N/A
07X029	P.S./M.S. 029 Melrose School	K – 8	K – 8	70 – 80	705 – 795	793	90% - 100%
07X031	P.S./M.S. 031 The William Lloyd Garrison	K – 8	K – 8	55 – 65	565 – 655	841	70% - 80%

(1) This chart is subject to change. Certain schools are under consideration for interventions designed to improve student outcomes. To the extent that the chosen intervention constitutes a significant change in school utilization, such as phase-out or closure, it would require approval by the Panel for Educational Policy and an Educational Impact Statement ("EIS"). That EIS would discuss the impact of any proposed phase-out or closure on the enrollment of other schools in the district. Furthermore, in the event of a phase-out or closure, the Department of Education ("DOE") will ensure that there are an appropriate number of seats available for each grade level. Reports to the community on each school can be found at <http://schools.nyc.gov/community/planning/changes/bronx/portfolio.htm>.

(2) Kindergarten projections are estimates based on 2012 budget register projections and are subject to change based on demand and other enrollment factors.

(3) Enrollment includes Pre-Kindergarten. All schools listed currently offer a Pre-Kindergarten program.

(4) Based on 2011-2012 Blue Book.

(5) P.S. 25 is currently a district-wide choice elementary school.

(6) Total capacity figures are not available for schools that are currently phasing in.

District 7 Elementary Schools: Southern Area¹

DBN	School Name	2012-2013 Grade Span	At Scale Grade Span	2013-14 Projected Kindergarten Enrollment ²	2013-14 Projected Total Enrollment ³	Total Capacity ⁴	2013-14 Projected Utilization
07X018	P.S. 18 John Peter Zenger	K – 5	K – 5	80 – 90	520 – 580	546	95% - 105%
07X030	P.S. 30 Wilton	K – 5	K – 5	70 – 80	480 – 540	478	100% - 110%
07X043	P.S. 43 Jonas Bronck	K – 5	K – 5	75 – 95	460 – 520	597	75% - 85%
07X049	P.S. 49 Willis Avenue	K – 5	K – 5	105 – 115	665 – 725	758	90% - 95%
07X065	P.S. 65 Mother Hale Academy	K – 5	K – 5	70 – 80	385 – 445	399	95% - 110%
07X154	P.S. 154 Jonathan D. Hyatt	K – 5	K – 5	80 – 90	520 – 580	634	80% - 90%
07X179	P.S. 179	K – 5	K – 5	60 – 70	380 – 440	386	100% - 115%
07X277	P.S. 277	K – 5	K – 5	70 – 80	470 – 530	846	55% - 65%
07X369	Young Leaders Elementary School	K – 5	K – 5	40 – 50	270 – 330	339	80% - 95%

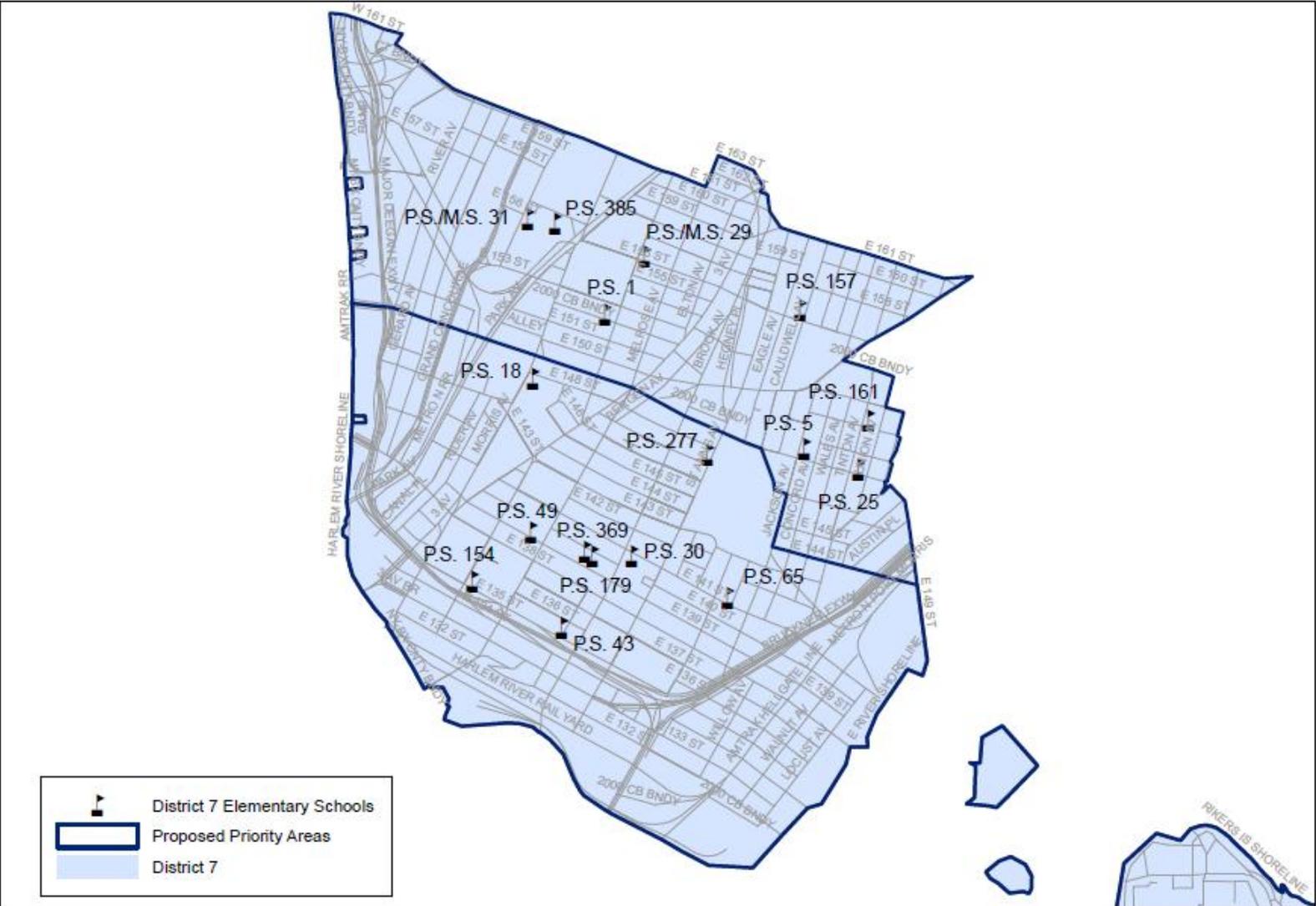
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Map of Proposed District 7 Elementary Unzoning



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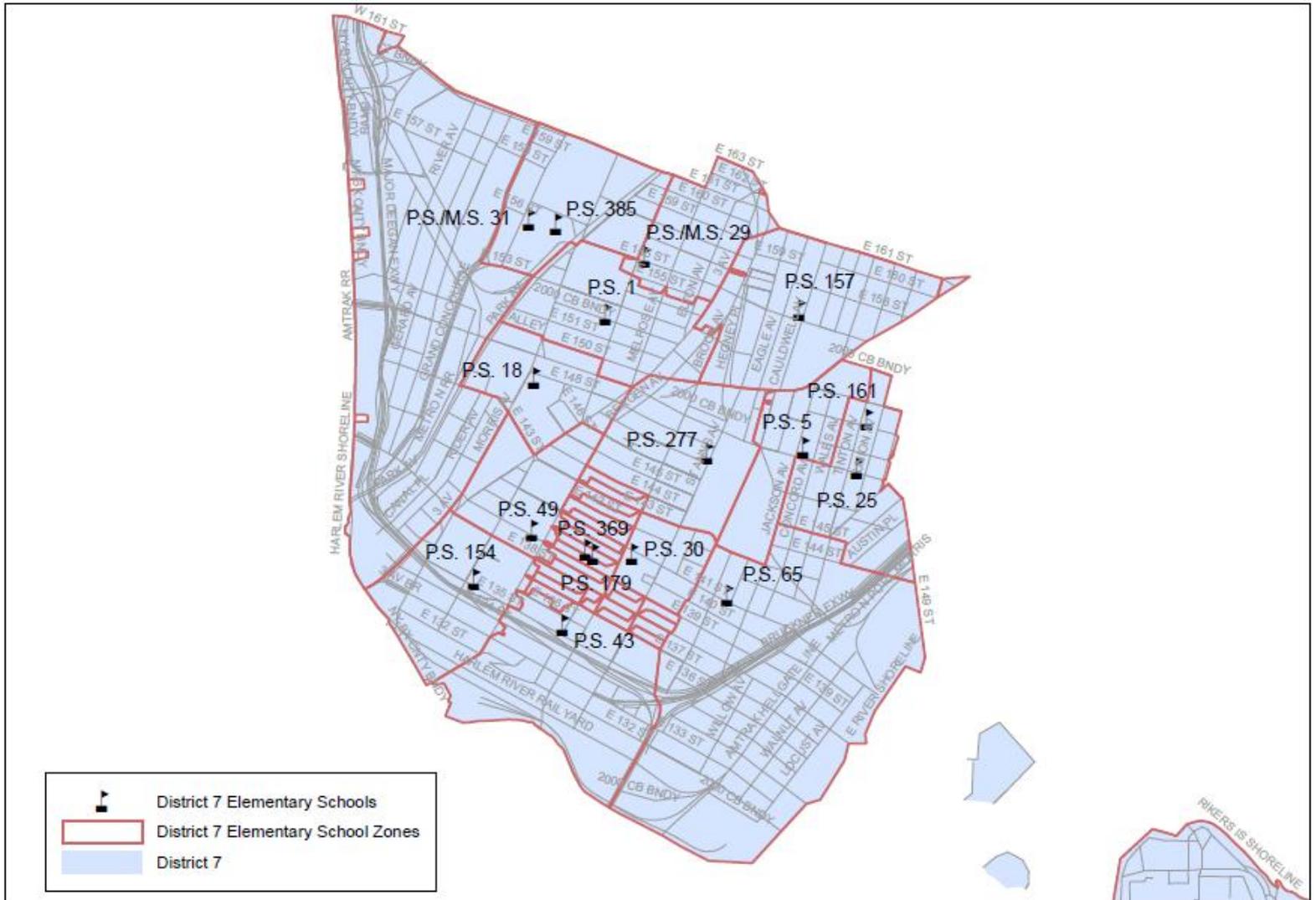
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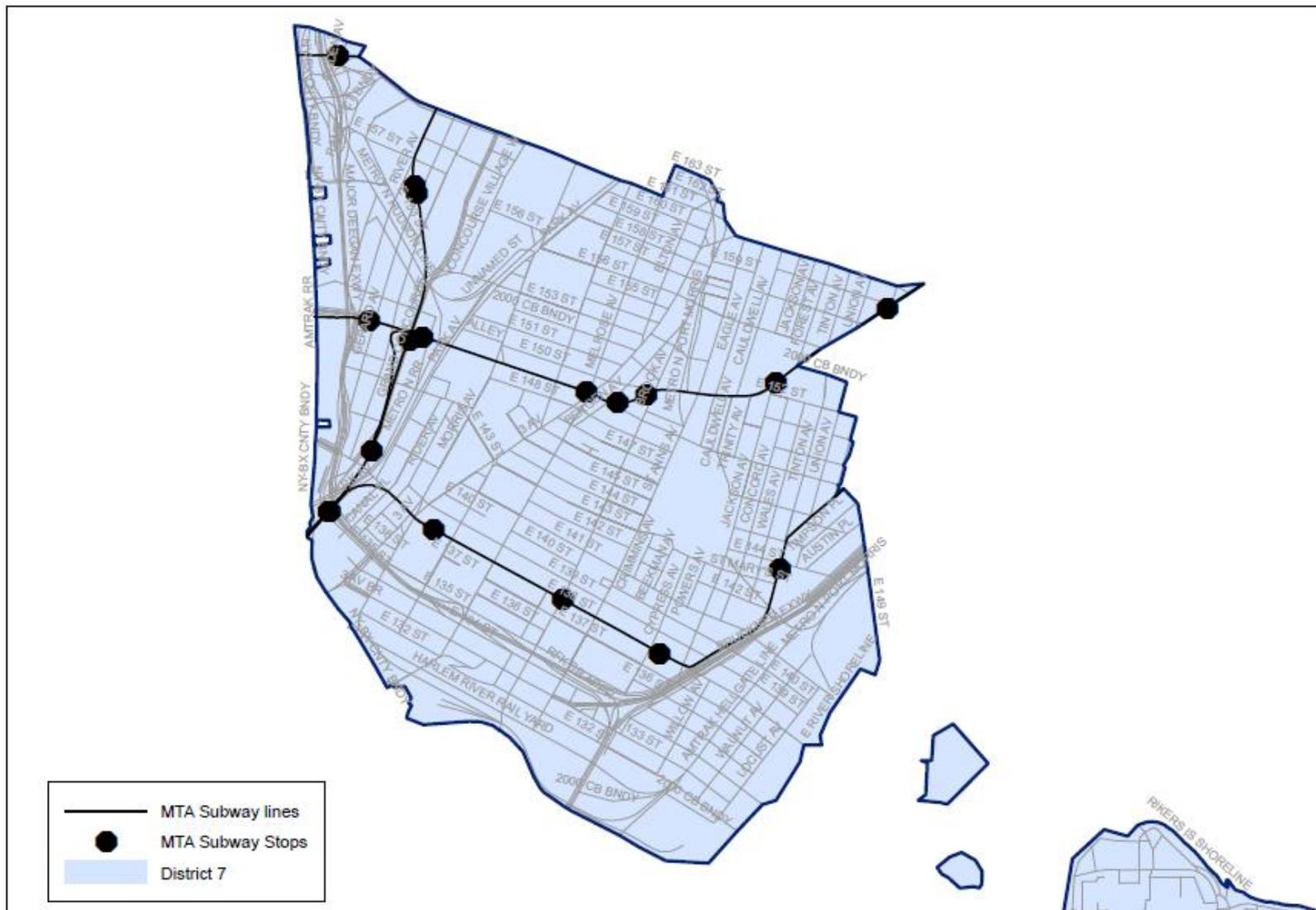
Appendix A: Current Elementary School Zones



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Appendix B: MTA Subway Transportation



Appendix D: Charter School Options in District 7

