

Presentation to CEC 9 for the Unzoning of District 9 Middle Schools

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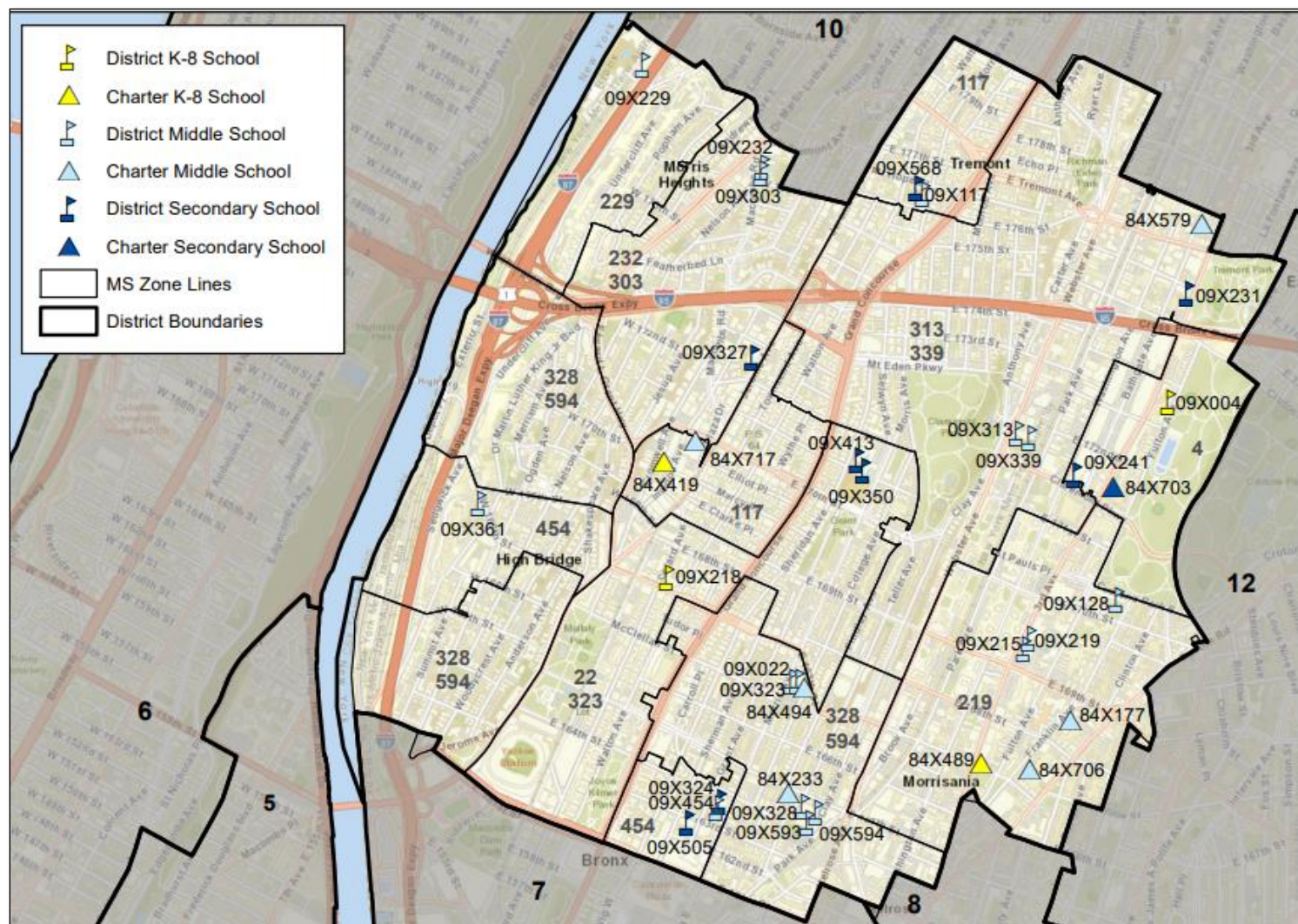
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Context of this Unzoning Presentation

- Over the past several months, we analyzed relevant data and engaged with the CEC, school principals and communities, elected officials, and other stakeholders to gather feedback on admissions planning for District 9 middle schools.
- ODP and Superintendent Sherman presented at a CEC 9 meeting last May to share information on new building X468, discuss a potential middle school unzoning, and gather feedback.
- We are here tonight to reengage CEC 9 on a potential middle school unzoning proposal to gather feedback and answer questions.

Current District 9 Middle School Zones



Current District 9 Middle School Zoning and Admissions

- There are 25 District 9 schools that serve middle school grades. Of these:
 - 13 schools have a zone; and
 - 12 schools are Non-zoned.
- District 9 middle schools are geographically concentrated in the southeastern portion of the district.
- District 9 students who enroll a District 9 middle school tend to exercise choice across the many middle school options, regardless of their zoning.
- 83% of District 9 middle school students attend a school other than their zoned option.

Zoned District 9 Schools Serving Middle School Grades

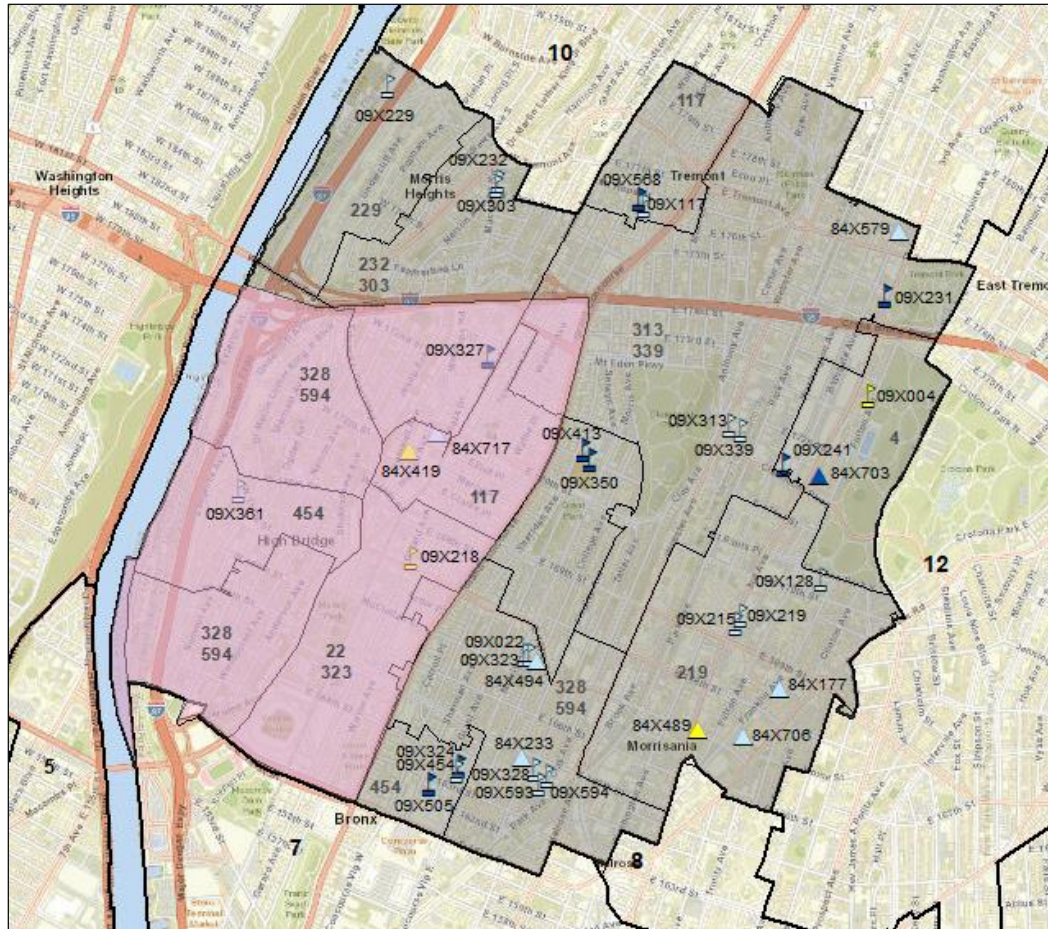
DBN	School Name	Grades Served	2023-24 Register Projections (Grades 6-8 only)	Shared Zone at 6th grade	Zoned and Enrolled (6 th Grade)	Zone Retention (% of 6 th Grade Students from the Zone Enrolled at the School)
09X004	P.S./M.S. 004 Crotona Park West	3K-8	133		18	27%
09X022	J.H.S. 022 Jordan L. Mott	6-8	241	Y	35	10%
09X117	I.S. 117 Joseph H. Wade	6-8	328		47	16%
09X219	I.S. 219 New Venture School	6-8	260		43	11%
09X229	I.S. 229 Roland Patterson	6-8	174		59	31%
09X232	I.S. 232	6-8	279	Y	37	14%
09X303	I.S. X303 Leadership & Community Service	6-8	339	Y	85	32%
09X313	I.S. 313 School of Leadership Development	6-8	131	Y	29	4%
09X323	Bronx Writing Academy	6-8	214	Y	20	6%
09X328	New Millennium Bronx Academy of the Arts	6-8	150	Y	31	5%
09X339	I.S. 339	6-8	169	Y	41	6%
09X454	Science and Technology Academy: A Mott Hall School	6-8	376		38	21%
09X594	New Pathways Academy	6-8	183	Y	31	5%

Source: Zone Data in this slide is based on 2022-2023 Audited Register as of October 31, 2022

Non-Zoned District 9 Schools Serving Middle School Grades

DBN	School Name	Grades Served	2023-24 Register Projections (Grades 6-8 only)
09X128	Mott Hall III	6-8	301
09X215	Kappa	6-8	235
09X218	P.S./I.S. 218 Rafael Hernandez Dual Language Magnet School	K-8	339
09X231	Eagle Academy for Young Men	6-12	148
09X241	Urban Assembly School for Applied Math and Science, The	6-12	241
09X324	Bronx Early College Academy for Teaching & Learning	6-12	116
09X327	Comprehensive Model School Project M.S. 327	6-12	312
09X361	The Highbridge Green School	6-8	384
09X413	Bronx High School for Medical Science	6-12	172
09X505	Bronx School for Law, Government and Justice	6-12	266
09X568	Young Women's Leadership School of the Bronx	6-12	215
09X593	South Bronx International Middle School	6-8	140

Why Unzone District 9 Middle Schools?

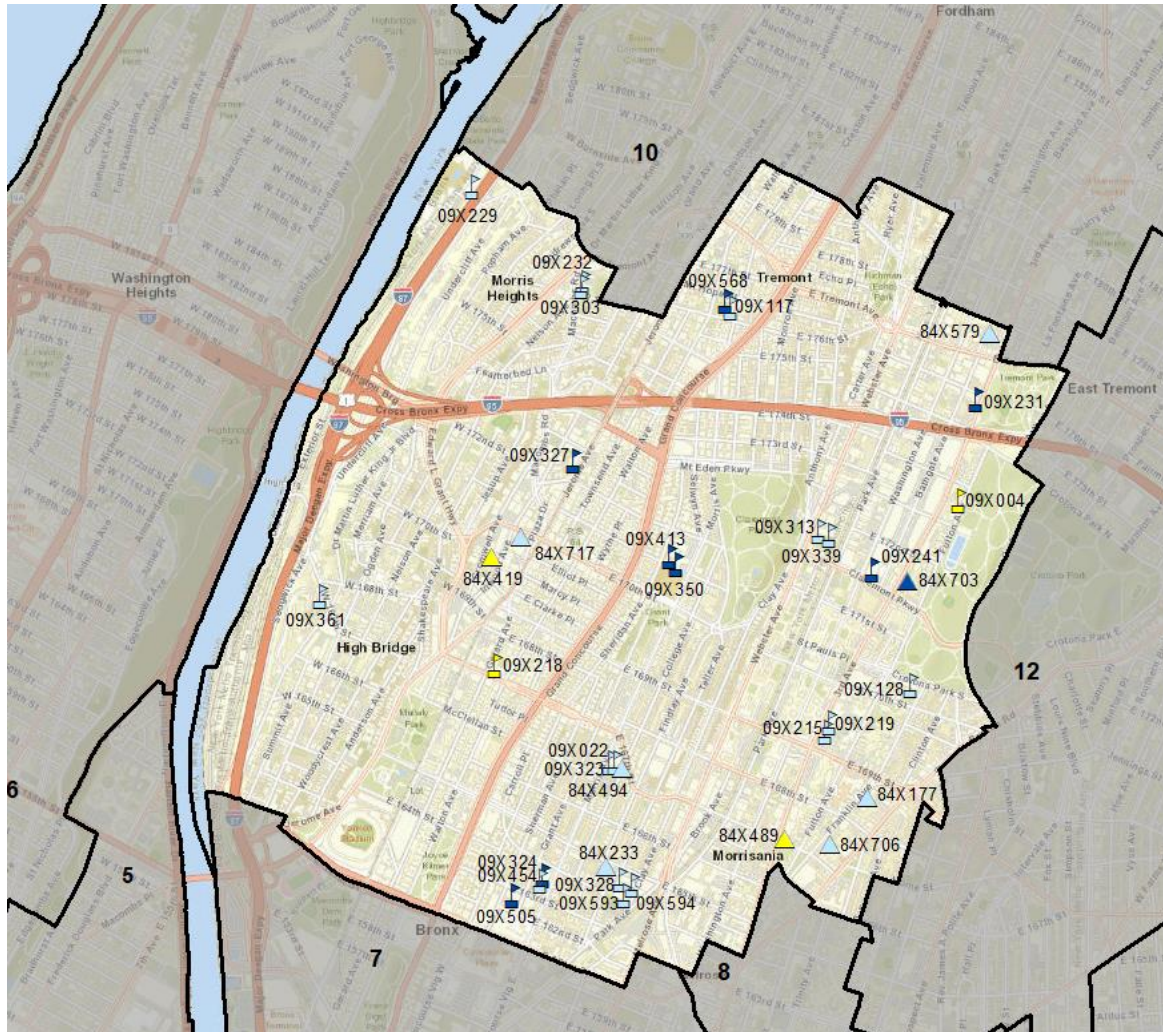


- Current zone lines do not align with the locations of the schools.
- The area of District 9 south of the Cross Bronx Expressway and west of the Grand Concourse does not contain any zoned middle schools.
- About 30% of middle school students live in this area.
- These students need to travel outside this area to attend their zoned middle school.

Why Unzone District 9 Middle Schools?

- An unzoning will standardize zoning across the district, making zoning and admissions more consistent for families and schools.
- District 9 students already exercise choice, so travel hardships are anticipated to be minimal.
 - 83% of District 9 students choose to attend a school other than their zoned school.
 - 87% of students living in the area of District 9 south of the Cross Bronx and west of the Grand Concourse attend a school other than their zoned school.
- District 9 zoned schools draw nearly half of their enrollment from outside their zone.
 - On average, the 13 zoned schools draw 46% of their enrollment from outside their zone.

District 9 Proposed Middle School Unzoning



Effects of Middle School Unzoning

- Students and residents of District 9 will receive equal geographic priority to district middle schools and admissions will be standardized across the district.
- Student and parent choice will be the primary driver of middle school admissions.
- Students will no longer have a zoned priority to a middle school based on home address but will still have access to the wide range of middle school options in the district.
- If the unzoning is approved by the CEC, it will take effect for the 2024-2025 school year.

Unzoning Frequently Asked Questions

- **When will the middle school unzoning be implemented?**
 - Pending a formal submission from Superintendent Sherman and approval by the CEC, any proposed zoning changes would take effect for the 2024-2025 admissions process (October 2023).
- **Who will a middle school unzoning impact?**
 - Proposed changes will primarily impact incoming sixth grade students, and any new students to the system.
 - All currently enrolled students in grades 6-8 may remain in their school until graduation.
- **How will middle schools admit students?**
 - All impacted schools will continue to admit students according to Chancellor's regulation A-101.
- **Will students receive bussing?**
 - The Office of Pupil Transportation (OPT) will follow standard procedure to determine bus service eligibility of general education students, as outlined by Chancellor's regulation A-801.

Next Steps

- Tonight, we are reengaging CEC 9 on a potential middle school unzoning proposal to gather feedback and answer questions.
- If there is support, we will consider submitting a formal proposal thereafter.
- Should we submit a proposal, we anticipate that CEC 9 will vote on this unzoning proposal at a Special Meeting in late September for 2024-2025 implementation.
- This will allow families to be aware of the new zones during the school admissions cycle, which starts on October 11th for middle school.

Questions & Discussion

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**Please also feel welcome to direct any feedback and questions
to BronxZoning@schools.nyc.gov.**

Appendix

Current Enrollment and Utilization

DBN	School	Zoned for MS	Grades Served	2023-24 Register Projections	School Capacity	2023-24 Projected School Utilization
09X004	P.S./M.S. 004 Crotona Park West	Yes	3K-8	366	859	35%
09X022	J.H.S. 022 Jordan L. Mott	Yes	6-8	241	359	67%
09X117	I.S. 117 Joseph H. Wade	Yes	6-8	328	604	54%
09X128	Mott Hall III	No	6-8	301	346	87%
09X215	Kappa	No	6-8	235	493	48%
09X218	P.S./I.S. 218 Rafael Hernandez Dual Language Magnet School	No	K-8	879	886	99%
09X219	I.S. 219 New Venture School	Yes	6-8	260	517	50%
09X229	I.S. 229 Roland Patterson	Yes	6-8	174	635	27%
09X231	Eagle Academy for Young Men	No	6-12	434	599	72%
09X232	I.S. 232	Yes	6-8	279	421	66%
09X241	Urban Assembly School for Applied Math and Science, The	No	6-12	573	540	106%
09X303	I.S. X303 Leadership & Community Service	Yes	6-8	339	339	100%
09X313	I.S. 313 School of Leadership Development	Yes	6-8	131	392	33%
09X323	Bronx Writing Academy	Yes	6-8	214	549	39%
09X324	Bronx Early College Academy for Teaching & Learning	No	6-12	424	634	67%
09X327	Comprehensive Model School Project M.S. 327	No	6-12	677	585	116%
09X328	New Millennium Bronx Academy of the Arts	Yes	6-8	150	513	29%
09X339	I.S. 339	Yes	6-8	169	819	21%
09X361	The Highbridge Green School	No	6-8	384	394	97%
09X413	Bronx High School for Medical Science	No	6-12	440	589	75%
09X454	Science and Technology Academy: A Mott Hall School	Yes	6-8	376	432	87%
09X505	Bronx School for Law, Government and Justice	No	6-12	740	794	93%
09X568	Young Women's Leadership School of the Bronx	No	6-12	535	641	83%
09X593	South Bronx International Middle School	No	6-8	140	132	106%
09X594	New Pathways Academy	Yes	6-8	183	265	69%

Projected Enrollment, Utilization, and Demographics First Year of Implementation, if Approved (2024-2025)

DBN	School Name	Zoned for MS)	Grades Served	2024-25 Projected Enrollment	School Capacity	2024-25 Projected School Utilization
09X004	P.S./M.S. 004 Crotona Park West	Yes	3K-8	327	859	38%
09X022	J.H.S. 022 Jordan L. Mott	Yes	6-8	190	359	53%
09X117	I.S. 117 Joseph H. Wade	Yes	6-8	311	604	51%
09X128	Mott Hall III	No	6-8	310	346	90%
09X215	Kappa	No	6-8	241	493	49%
09X218	P.S./I.S. 218 Rafael Hernandez Dual Language Magnet School	No	K-8	862	886	97%
09X219	I.S. 219 New Venture School	Yes	6-8	243	517	47%
09X229	I.S. 229 Roland Patterson	Yes	6-8	185	635	29%
09X231	Eagle Academy for Young Men	No	6-12	415	599	69%
09X232	I.S. 232	Yes	6-8	261	421	62%
09X241	Urban Assembly School for Applied Math and Science, The	No	6-12	601	540	111%
09X303	I.S. X303 Leadership & Community Service	Yes	6-8	357	339	105%
09X313	I.S. 313 School of Leadership Development	Yes	6-8	101	392	26%
09X323	Bronx Writing Academy	Yes	6-8	170	549	31%
09X324	Bronx Early College Academy for Teaching & Learning	No	6-12	426	634	67%
09X327	Comprehensive Model School Project M.S. 327	No	6-12	681	585	116%
09X328	New Millennium Bronx Academy of the Arts	Yes	6-8	131	513	26%
09X339	I.S. 339	Yes	6-8	156	819	19%
09X361	The Highbridge Green School	No	6-8	406	394	103%
09X413	Bronx High School for Medical Science	No	6-12	450	589	76%
09X454	Science and Technology Academy: A Mott Hall School	Yes	6-8	402	432	93%
09X505	Bronx School for Law, Government and Justice	No	6-12	750	794	94%
09X568	Young Women's Leadership School of the Bronx	No	6-12	545	641	85%
09X593	South Bronx International Middle School	No	6-8	129	132	98%
09X594	New Pathways Academy	Yes	6-8	185	265	70%

2022-2023 Demographics

DBN	School Name	Grades Served	% Asian	% Black	% Hispanic	% White	Other
09X004	P.S./M.S. 004 Crotona Park West	3K-8	1%	28%	69%	1%	0%
09X022	J.H.S. 022 Jordan L. Mott	6-8	0%	17%	80%	2%	0%
09X117	I.S. 117 Joseph H. Wade	6-8	0%	22%	76%	0%	0%
09X128	Mott Hall III	6-8	1%	48%	49%	2%	0%
09X215	Kappa	6-8	2%	4%	92%	2%	1%
09X218	P.S./I.S. 218 Rafael Hernandez Dual Language Magnet School	K-8	0%	35%	63%	1%	1%
09X219	I.S. 219 New Venture School	6-8	2%	26%	63%	8%	8%
09X229	I.S. 229 Roland Patterson	6-8	1%	52%	41%	5%	5%
09X231	Eagle Academy for Young Men	6-12	0%	18%	81%	0%	0%
09X232	I.S. 232	6-8	0%	23%	75%	1%	1%
09X241	Urban Assembly School for Applied Math and Science, The	6-12	2%	33%	61%	3%	2%
09X303	I.S. X303 Leadership & Community Service	6-8	1%	10%	88%	0%	0%
09X313	I.S. 313 School of Leadership Development	6-8	2%	26%	70%	1%	0%
09X323	Bronx Writing Academy	6-8	2%	20%	75%	2%	1%
09X324	Bronx Early College Academy for Teaching & Learning	6-12	0%	18%	79%	1%	1%
09X327	Comprehensive Model School Project M.S. 327	6-12	0%	34%	65%	1%	0%
09X328	New Millennium Bronx Academy of the Arts	6-8	1%	27%	68%	2%	2%
09X339	I.S. 339	6-8	1%	32%	65%	1%	0%
09X361	The Highbridge Green School	6-8	0%	0%	92%	8%	8%
09X413	Bronx High School for Medical Science	6-12	3%	26%	68%	1%	0%
09X454	Science and Technology Academy: A Mott Hall School	6-8	2%	27%	69%	2%	0%
09X505	Bronx School for Law, Government and Justice	6-12	0%	38%	56%	5%	5%
09X568	Young Women's Leadership School of the Bronx	6-12	2%	32%	64%	0%	0%
09X593	South Bronx International Middle School	6-8	0%	38%	58%	2%	2%
09X594	New Pathways Academy	6-8	0%	28%	72%	0%	0%

2024-2025 Projected Demographics

DBN	School Name	Grades Served	% Asian	% Black	% Hispanic	% White	% Other
09X004	P.S./M.S. 004 Crotona Park West	PK-8	0% - 5%	25% - 30%	65% - 70%	0% - 5%	0% - 5%
09X022	J.H.S. 022 Jordan L. Mott	6-8	0% - 5%	15% - 20%	80% - 85%	0% - 5%	0% - 5%
09X117	I.S. 117 Joseph H. Wade	6-8	0% - 5%	20% - 25%	75% - 80%	0% - 5%	0% - 5%
09X128	Mott Hall III	6-8	0% - 5%	45% - 50%	45% - 50%	0% - 5%	0% - 5%
09X215	Kappa	6-8	0% - 5%	0% - 5%	90% - 95%	0% - 5%	0% - 5%
09X218	P.S./I.S. 218 Rafael Hernandez Dual Language Magnet School	K-8	0% - 5%	35% - 40%	60% - 65%	0% - 5%	0% - 5%
09X219	I.S. 219 New Venture School	6-8	0% - 5%	25% - 30%	60% - 65%	5% - 10%	5% - 10%
09X229	I.S. 229 Roland Patterson	6-8	0% - 5%	50% - 55%	40% - 45%	5% - 10%	0% - 5%
09X231	Eagle Academy for Young Men	6-12	0% - 5%	15% - 20%	80% - 85%	0% - 5%	0% - 5%
09X232	I.S. 232	6-8	0% - 5%	20% - 25%	75% - 80%	0% - 5%	0% - 5%
09X241	Urban Assembly School for Applied Math and Science, The	6-12	0% - 5%	30% - 35%	60% - 65%	0% - 5%	0% - 5%
09X303	I.S. X303 Leadership & Community Service	6-8	0% - 5%	10% - 15%	85% - 90%	0% - 5%	0% - 5%
09X313	I.S. 313 School of Leadership Development	6-8	0% - 5%	25% - 30%	65% - 70%	0% - 5%	0% - 5%
09X323	Bronx Writing Academy	6-8	0% - 5%	20% - 25%	75% - 80%	0% - 5%	0% - 5%
09X324	Bronx Early College Academy for Teaching & Learning	6-12	0% - 5%	15% - 20%	75% - 80%	0% - 5%	0% - 5%
09X327	Comprehensive Model School Project M.S. 327	6-12	0% - 5%	30% - 35%	65% - 70%	0% - 5%	0% - 5%
09X328	New Millennium Bronx Academy of the Arts	6-8	0% - 5%	25% - 30%	65% - 70%	0% - 5%	0% - 5%
09X339	I.S. 339	6-8	0% - 5%	30% - 35%	60% - 65%	0% - 5%	0% - 5%
09X361	The Highbridge Green School	6-8	0% - 5%	0% - 5%	90% - 95%	5% - 10%	5% - 10%
09X413	Bronx High School for Medical Science	6-12	0% - 5%	25% - 30%	65% - 70%	0% - 5%	0% - 5%
09X454	Science and Technology Academy: A Mott Hall School	6-8	0% - 5%	25% - 30%	65% - 70%	0% - 5%	0% - 5%
09X505	Bronx School for Law, Government and Justice	6-12	0% - 5%	35% - 40%	55% - 60%	5% - 10%	5% - 10%
09X568	Young Women's Leadership School of the Bronx	6-12	0% - 5%	30% - 35%	60% - 65%	0% - 5%	0% - 5%
09X593	South Bronx International Middle School	6-8	0% - 5%	35% - 40%	55% - 60%	0% - 5%	0% - 5%
09X594	New Pathways Academy	6-8	0% - 5%	25% - 30%	70% - 75%	0% - 5%	0% - 5%

Co-located Buildings with Both Zoned and Non-Zoned Middle School Options

Building	X117	X145	X148	X166
Zoned School	I.S. 117 Joseph H. Wade (09X117)	New Millennium Bronx Academy of the Arts (09X328) and New Pathways Academy (09X594)	I.S. 219 New Venture School (09X219)	Science and Technology Academy: A Mott Hall School (09X454)
Non-Zoned School	Young Women's Leadership School of the Bronx (09X568)	South Bronx International Middle School (09X593)	KAPPA (09X215)	Bronx Early College Academy for Teaching & Learning (09X324)