



**CEC PRESENTATION**  
**DISTRICT 15**  
**AUGUST 24, 2021**

ANITA SKOP-COMMUNITY SUPERINTENDENT

DISTRICT 15

WELCOME NEW AND RETURNING CEC  
MEMBERS



FOR ALL YOU DO FOR OUR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

# WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL YEAR 2021-22

ALL STUDENTS GRADES 3K-12 ARE EXPECTED TO RETURN TO SCHOOL  
FULL TIME AND IN PERSON ON SEPTEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2021



# REOPENING COVID MANDATES

- ALL STUDENTS, 3K-12, TEACHERS AND SCHOOL PERSONNEL IN SCHOOL BUILDINGS WILL BE REQUIRED TO WEAR MASKS EXCEPT DURING TIMES WHEN THEY ARE EATING AND DURING SPECIFIC SPORTS AND PERFORMANCE ACTIVITIES.
- SOCIAL DISTANCING IN ALIGNMENT WITH THE CDC GUIDELINES IS 3 FEET.
- STUDENTS WILL NO LONGER HAVE TEMPERATURE CHECKS UPON ENTRY BUT MUST STILL PROVIDE THEIR DAILY RESPONSE TO THE COVID QUESTION FORM.
- EVERY SCHOOL WILL STILL HAVE A NURSE.
- PROTOCOLS FOR QUARANTINE AND ASYNCHRONOUS SUPPORT PROCEDURES WILL BE ANNOUNCED SHORTLY.

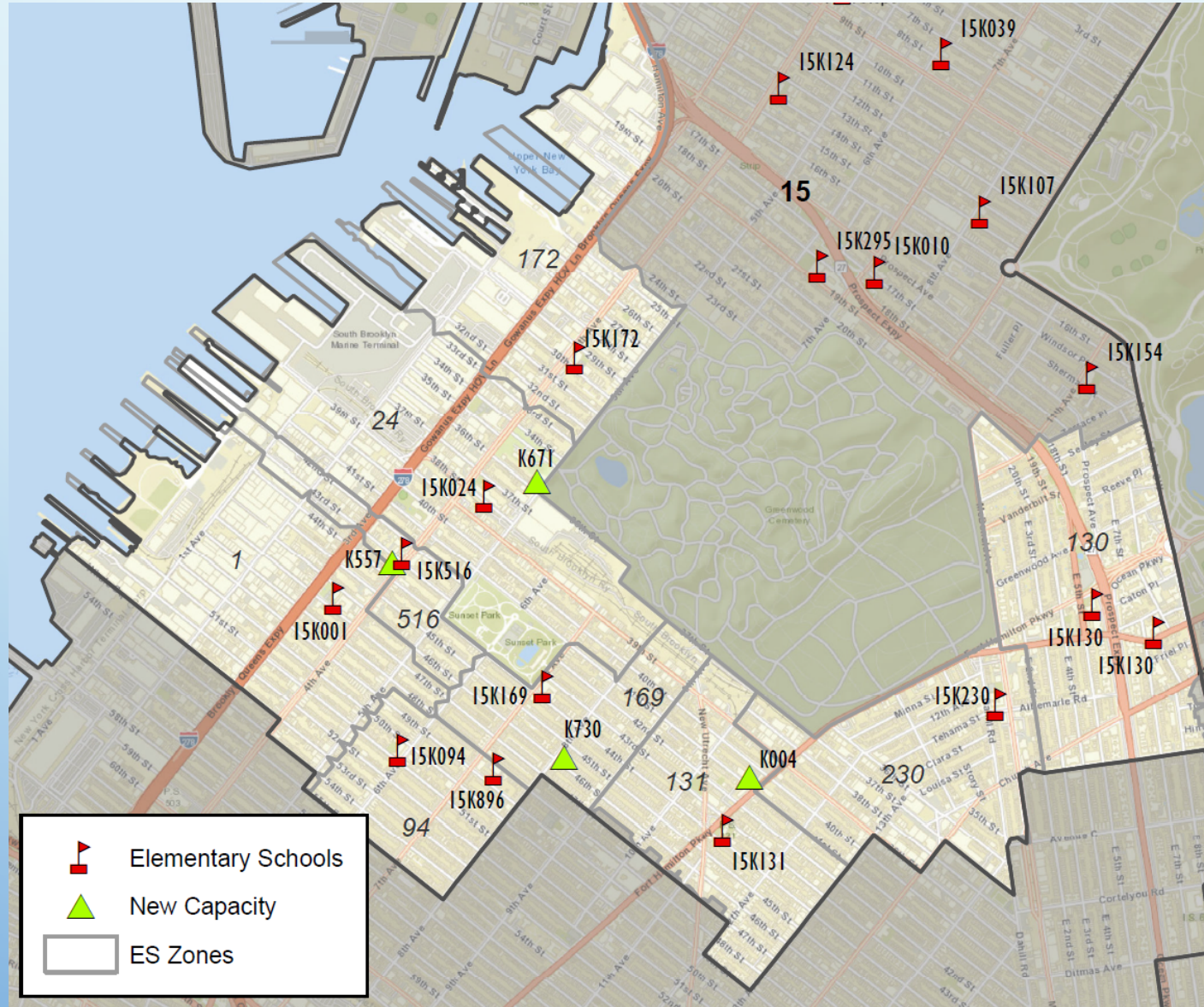
# DOE VACCINATION MANDATE

- YESTERDAY, THE MAYOR, DOHMH COMMISSIONER CHOKSHI, AND CHANCELLOR PORTER ANNOUNCED THAT ALL DOE STAFF, INCLUDING CENTRAL, BOROUGH AND SCHOOL-BASED STAFF, AS WELL AS OTHER SERVICE PROVIDERS (E.G. CONTRACTORS) WORKING IN SCHOOL BUILDINGS ARE REQUIRED TO BE VACCINATED, WITH THEIR FIRST DOSE OR ANY VACCINE COMPLETED BY SEPTEMBER 27.
- WITH TEACHERS RETURNING ON SEPTEMBER 9, STUDENTS RETURNING ON SEPTEMBER 13, AND ALL DOE STAFF RESUMING 5 DAY/WEEK IN-PERSON, WE MUST ENSURE THAT ALL DOE STAFF AND ANYONE WHO WORKS IN OUR SCHOOLS ARE VACCINATED. AS ALWAYS, DOE IS PRIORITIZING HEALTH AND SAFETY OF OUR STUDENTS, SCHOOL COMMUNITIES AND STAFF.
- DOE STAFF CAN UPLOAD A RECORD OF THEIR VACCINATION USING THE DOE'S VACCINATION PORTAL: [HTTPS://VACCINE.SCHOOLS.NYC/](https://vaccine.schools.nyc/).
- MORE INFORMATION ABOUT LOCATIONS WHERE NEW YORKERS CAN RECEIVE A VACCINE FOR COVID-19 CAN BE FOUND AT [VACCINEFINDER.NYC.GOV](https://vaccinefinder.nyc.gov) OR BY CALLING 877-VAX-4-NYC.
- THERE WILL BE CONSEQUENCES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE. THE CITY AND DOE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF NEGOTIATING THE IMPACT WITH RELEVANT UNIONS.

# SUMMARY OF THE SUNSET PARK PLANNING MEETING

- ON AUGUST 17<sup>TH</sup> THE OFFICE OF PLANNING, THE DISTRICT 15 TEAM AND THE OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION HELD AN OPEN MEETING WITH THE SUNSET PARK COMMUNITY TO BEGIN OUTREACH AROUND THE NEEDS AND OPPORTUNITIES NEW CONSTRUCTION OF SCHOOLS IS BRINGING TO SUNSET PARK.
- THERE ARE FOUR NEW SITES THAT ARE GOING TO COME ONLINE OVER THE COURSE OF THE NEXT FIVE+ YEARS...
  - 36<sup>TH</sup> AND 5<sup>TH</sup>- 2022-2023
  - THE FORMER C-TOWN SITE -2022-2023
  - THE FORMER POLICE PRECINCT (THE CASTLE) -2023-2024
  - SAINT CATHERINE'S-NEWLY ACQUIRED AND CURRENTLY IN USE AS A COVID TESTING SITE.

# AREA MAP AND NEW BUILDINGS



# New Building K671: 2022-2023



- Building K671 is located at 5th Avenue/36th Street
- Projected opening in the 2022-2023 school year
- 404 seats
- Elementary school design



# New Building K730: 2022-2023



- Building K730 is located on 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue/45<sup>th</sup> Street, **former C-Town**
- Projected opening in the 2022-2023 school year
- Planned to serve the upper grades of P.S. 896 (4 blocks away)
- 328 seats

# New Building K557: 2023-2024



- Building K557 is located 4302 4th Avenue/43<sup>rd</sup> street
- K557 is across the street from P.S. 516
- Projected opening in the 2023-2024 school year
- 332 seats
- Elementary school design

# COMMUNITY-DRIVEN PLANNING

- WITH THE CHANGES IN SUNSET PARK AND OPENING OF NEW BUILDINGS, THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO ENGAGE IN COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL PLANNING IN SUNSET PARK, RELATED TO BOTH:
  - NEW SCHOOL PLANNING FOR BUILDING K671
  - LONGER-TERM PLANNING
- SOME INITIAL IDEAS WERE SHARED AS THE GOAL IS FOR DECISIONS TO BE MADE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH SCHOOLS AND THE COMMUNITY

# NEW SCHOOL CONCEPT FOR K671-36<sup>TH</sup> AND FIFTH

- COMMUNITY MEMBERS HAVE REPEATEDLY ADVOCATED FOR SMALLER CLASSES AND NEW SPECIAL EDUCATION OPTIONS, INCLUDING AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER (ASD) PROGRAMMING
- THE NYCDOE STRIVES FOR ALL STUDENTS TO BE IN THE LEAST RESTRICTIVE CLASSROOM ENVIRONMENT AND PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR INCLUSION
- ONE POSSIBLE INNOVATIVE MODEL COULD BE A NEW SCHOOL THAT IS INCLUSIVE BY DESIGN, ALLOWS STUDENTS TO MOVE TO LESS RESTRICTIVE SETTINGS AND HAS AN ARRAY OF ASD PROGRAMS:
  - AIMS (ACQUISITION, INTEGRATED SERVICES, MEANINGFUL COMMUNICATION, AND SOCIAL SKILLS)
  - ASD HORIZON - 8:1:1
  - ASD NEST - INTEGRATED CO-TEACHING (ICT)
- GIVEN THE UNIQUE STRUCTURE OF THIS NEW SCHOOL IDEA, THE NYCDOE WOULD RECOMMEND A NON-ZONED OPTION TO BE OPEN TO STUDENTS WHO MIGHT BENEFIT MOST, WITH A PRIORITY FOR FAMILIES LIVING IN SUNSET PARK

# LONGER-TERM PLANNING

- DISTRICT 15 HAS HAD RECENT SUCCESS IN USING PARTICIPATORY RESEARCH METHODS THAT CENTER COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN SCHOOL PLANNING
- WE ARE COMMITTED TO STARTING A HOLISTIC PROCESS THIS FALL THAT USES A PARTICIPATORY APPROACH TO COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND LONGER-TERM PLANNING IN SUNSET PARK
- THE MEETING LAST WEEK WAS THE FIRST STEP IN BEGINNING A DIALOGUE TO KICK-OFF THIS PROCESS
- FUNDS HAVE ALREADY BEEN ALLOCATED FOR THIS PROCESS IN SUNSET PARK THROUGH THE NYSIPP GRANT

# QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

