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Dear P.S. 676 Families:

I am writing to share that the New York City Department of Education (NYCDOE) is proposing a gradual grade reconfiguration of P.S. 676 Red Hook Neighborhood School (15K676), from an elementary school to a middle school beginning in the 2022-2023 school year. The NYCDOE is also proposing to re-site P.S. 676 to a new building, K680, in the 2025-2026 school year.

P.S. 676 is an existing district elementary school currently serving students in grades K-5 and a pre-kindergarten program (pre-K) in building K027, located at 27 Huntington Street, Brooklyn, NY 11231 in District 15. P.S. 676 is co-located with Summit Academy Charter School (84K730), a charter school serving students in grades 6-12.

What is new building K680 and what is the DOE proposing?

The New York City School Construction Authority is planning to construct a new middle school building, K680, at 21-31 Delevan Street, Brooklyn, NY 11231, about two blocks from P.S.676. K680 is expected to open in the 2025-26 school year, and is being planned to house a middle school and a District 75 program. The NYCDOE is proposing to gradually change the grades served by P.S. 676 from an elementary school to a middle school, beginning in the 2022-2023 school year, and to subsequently re-site the school to new building K680 beginning in the 2025-2026 school year.

Over the past few years, the curriculum and instruction at P.S. 676 has been reinvigorated under the leadership of Pricilla Figueroa with involvement from the school community. Specifically, the school has participated in the IMAGINE NYC Schools initiative and has been working to incorporate maritime studies into its curriculum with support from NYCDOE Office of School Design and Charter Partnerships, the District 15 Superintendent, and through partnerships with organizations focused on the conservation and development of the New York City Harbor. The NYCDOE believes that this proposal presents a unique opportunity to create a community-driven middle school option in advance of the new building's opening, address the need for more middle school seats in District 15, and increase demand and enrollment at P.S. 676. K680 will provide P.S. 676 with a brand-new facility designed to support maritime studies, which will enable the school to build upon its existing curricular work and develop uniquely appealing and robust programming for students.

This proposal must be voted on and approved by the Panel for Educational Policy (PEP) prior to implementation.

If this proposal is approved by the PEP, what does this mean for my child(ren)?

- In the 2021-2022 school year, there will be no change to the grades P.S. 676 serves and the school will continue to serve students in grades K-5 and offer a pre-K program.
- Current 5th graders at P.S. 676 who complete elementary school at P.S. 676 at the end of the 2020-2021 school year will continue on to middle school through the middle school admissions process as they normally would.
- P.S. 676 will serve students in grades 1-6 in the 2022-2023 school year, grades 2-7 in the 2023-2024 school year, and grades 3-8 in the 2024-25 school year in K027.
- After the 2024-2025 school year, P.S. 676 will be re-sited to K680 where it will be co-located with a District 75 program and continue its grade reconfiguration. As such, P.S. 676 will serve students in K680 in grades 4-8 in the 2025-2026 school year, grades 5-8 in the 2026-2027 school year, and grades 6-8 in the 2027-2028 school year.
- Students who are eligible for promotion year over year will continue to be served at P.S. 676 and can stay at P.S. 676 for the remainder of their elementary and middle school education.
- Through this process, future 5th graders at P.S. 676 will receive priority to continue onto middle school at P.S. 676 through the middle school admissions process. This priority will end when P.S. 676 ceases to serve students in grade 5 in the 2027-2028 school year.
- If this proposal is approved, beginning in the 2022-23 school year, future pre-K and kindergarten students living in the current P.S. 676 school zone would no longer have a zoned admissions priority to P.S. 676, as P.S. 676 will no longer admit pre-K and kindergarten. The NYCDOE is pursuing a change in zone lines in collaboration with Community Education Council 15 (CEC 15) and the broader community. Pending CEC 15's approval of a rezoning, students living in the existing P.S. 676 school zone will receive priority to a different school or set of schools.

Where can I learn more about this proposal?

This letter serves as notice that the Educational Impact Statement (EIS) and Building Utilization Plan (BUP) for this proposal have been posted on the NYCDOE's website at:

<https://www.schools.nyc.gov/about-us/leadership/panel-for-education-policy/2020-2021-pages/april-28-2021-school-utilization-proposals>.

We encourage you to visit that website as we will update it with important dates and new information as it becomes available. Copies of the EIS and BUP for this proposal are also available in the main offices of P.S. 676 and Summit.



How can I provide feedback?

This proposal must be voted on and approved by the PEP prior to implementation. We anticipate that the PEP will vote on this proposal on April 28, 2021 at 6 p.m. via teleconference at <https://learndoe.org/pep/apr28/>.

In advance of the PEP vote, a Joint Public Hearing for this proposal will be held via teleconference on Thursday April 15, 2021 at 6 p.m. All community members will have the opportunity to share feedback about this proposal at the Joint Public Hearing.

Feedback about this proposal may also be shared at any time by e-mailing D15Proposals@schools.nyc.gov or by calling 212-374-0208.

The official Notice of Proposal and Joint Public Hearing are attached.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Anita Skop'.

Anita Skop
Community School District 15 Superintendent