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### Harbor Middle School at PS676 - Frequently Asked Questions:

- **What are the dates for the parent coffees?** Parent coffees at PS676 happen every Friday at 8:30 AM.
- **When will the school begin its transformation?** Our Middle School transition will begin in September 2022.
- **Will students take frequent trips? And will this interfere with standard based learning?** Trips and community visits are strongly encouraged, as they are an important part of the place-based and project-based process. Students will explore the harbor and other waterfront environments often to gain the experience they need as they apply what they learn in class to real life. This type of learning will actually support and enhance standards based learning.
- **Will the students take regents exams? If so, which ones?** Parents' interest in including regents preparation as a part of our studies will help us to determine whether we will add regents to our developing program.
- **Will the students be offered after-school programs in the field of Harbor?** Yes. We are currently offering after school programs with harbor infused activities and are planning to continue that in middle school as well.
- Will students be given priority to the Harbor Highschool? Not currently, but it is something we are willing to advocate for
- **Is the Middle School going to be an Urban Assembly School?** No. The Harbor Middle School will not be an urban assembly school
- **Will the Harbor Middle School be a feeder school for the Harbor High School?** Harbor Middle School will not officially be a feeder school for the Harbor High School, however students will have prerequisite experiences that will help them to prepare for continued learning in the harbor field, giving them the skills they need to be prepared for success in higher education focused on harbor and maritime education.



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- **What year will the school move into the new building?** The school will psychically move to the new building in the year 2025.
- **What Middle School curriculum will there be?** The Harbor Middle School will use an approved digital standards based core curriculum that will support the infusion of harbor studies. Currently, those curricula include Expeditionary learning for ELA, Envisions for math, Passport for SS, and Amplify for science.
- **Will the students currently attending PS676 be given priority to attend the Harbor Middle School?** Yes, they will. All existing PS676 students will be given a seat in the Middle School if they desire, although they will be expected to complete a middle school application.
- **Are the students currently being exposed to Harbor Studies?** Yes, we are currently infusing harbor studies in our existing curriculum along with place based, project based learning opportunities
- **What will the facilities look like?** The Harbor Middle School will include science labs, a STEAM room, A new auditorium, an aquarium, a media lab, an announcement room, and a swimming pool (year 2025).
- **How will the reconfiguration happen as you become a middle school?** As of 2022, we will begin to reconfigure by eliminating one elementary school grade and adding one new middle school grade, until year 22 and no longer accept pre k and kindergarten students, we will then begin accepting the new 6th grade cohort.
- **What happens when the new building is complete?** The new building is scheduled to be completed year September 2025. All students and staff will move to that building at that time.
- **What will the class sizes be?** The class size for middle school caps at 30, we plan to support students through personalized learning and one on one support throughout their learning experiences as often as we can.
- **Will you have ICT classes?** Yes, currently all of our elementary classes are ICT and we plan to continue that for our middle school
- **How many seats will be reserved for 676 students and available for additional District 15 students?** Not sure how many will be reserved yet, however I know we will ensure that our current students have a seat, but will advocate for as many seats as we can through conversations with enrollment.



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- **Is acceptance into the Harbor H.S. guaranteed?** No, unfortunately there is not guarantee, however the experiences will help students build patriot knowledge and skills as it relates to career training and this will help, as they apply for the school.
- **When will the first MS year begin?** We will begin to incubate the harbor school at our current location 27 Huntington street in september 2022.
- **What will a typical day look like?** A typically will consist of learning experiences that infuse Harbor into the standard based curriculum. Students will have exposure to hands on projects
- **Who will the teacher be?** Teachers will be middle school certified teachers and will have community based expert support to infuse harbor
- **Will teachers be experienced MS teachers?** Yes we are hiring content certified middle school staff
- **What will the MS programs be?** The elective programs will be harbor related career oriented programs, In addition to other middle school required programs such as core subjects, language and physical education
- **Will programs and curriculum will be the same as what is offered to the ES students currently?** The program we are running now incorporates harbor, trips, electives, core and physical education. We plan to keep the same programs and add the required middle school programs.
- **Will you have an athletics program?** Yes we plan to have swimming by year 2025 in addition to our middle school physical education program.
- **Will you have an Arts program?** We will provide steam and infuse set within the project based learning experiences, we will also offer a harbor art elective
- **What language programs will you offer?** Spanish
- **Will you offer SHSAT prep?** If this is a student need it would lo be considered.
- **Class Sizes** - Enrollment caps at 30 but we aim for small class sizes. Currently our classes are small.
- **Total Enrollment** - To be determined.
- **Teaching Staff** - More teachers will be hired; content specialists; Middle school teachers



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- **Is your school appropriate for ASD students?** Do you have any experience with kids who went to ASD NEST elementary school? If this is a need. TBD
- **What are the hours of the school day?** 8:20 AM - 2:40 PM
- **One school together or 2 separate?** We will slowly reconfigure into an elementary school beginning year 2022 with our first cohort of 6 th grade middle school students.
- **What types of students would be most interested in this type of school?** We aspire to engage all students. Students of middle school age who have curiosity. All/Any student who would be interested has an opportunity to attend our school.
- **What is the total enrollment and what are the class sizes for MS?** Currently classes cap at 30.
- **Do your teachers primarily come from middle schools, elementary schools or high schools?** Our teachers working next year in the middle school will primarily be middle school certified teachers
- **Are there any plans for bus transportation to/from school for 6th graders?** Transportation would be arranged according to the DoE transportation program if your child has an IEP.. Pedestrian bridge being repaired is a good way to access the school and just a block away. Public transportation is near both trains and buses.
- **Regents for 7th grade?** We most likely will be considering how to provide regents as a result of student need and or parent inquiry. TBD