



**COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT 11**

1250 Arnow Avenue, Bronx, NY 10469, Tel: (718) 519-2620

Dear P.S. 105 Families,

We are writing to share that we are planning to issue a proposal to expand P.S. 105 Sen Abraham Bernstein from a K-5 school to a K-8 school and to open and co-locate P596X@X105, a new site of District 75 school P.S. X596, with P.S. 105 in building X105 (X105) beginning in the 2025-2026 school year. As you may already know, a new addition is currently being constructed at X105 to add capacity to the building. This addition will allow P.S. 105 to grow and add middle school grades and will also provide capacity for much needed District 75 school seats in District 11 and the Bronx. This proposal was initiated at the request of P.S. 105's School Leadership Team.

As we've started to share this information with staff and families, we've received many questions. Please see the below answers to some of the most common questions we've heard so far.

- *Why are we exploring a potential grade expansion of P.S. 105?*
  - Since Summer 2024, we have been partnering with the Office of District Planning and working closely with your school community to assess the various ways this new addition can support the needs of P.S. 105 and the broader District 11 community. We heard a strong desire to use the new capacity at X105 to expand P.S. 105 into a K-8 school.
  - The P.S. 105 community expressed that there are few middle schools near P.S. 105.
    - Students zoned to P.S. 105 are zoned to Bronx Green Middle School, Pelham Academy of Academics and Community Engagement, and Bronx Park Middle School for middle school. These schools are all located at 2441 Wallace Avenue, almost one mile from X105 and north of Pelham Parkway. The entire P.S. 105 zone is located south of Pelham Parkway, and many families may find it challenging to travel across Pelham Parkway for middle school.
    - Additionally, middle schools near P.S. 105 are mainly K-8 schools that primarily enroll continuing fifth-grade students for sixth grade, leaving few seats available for students graduating from P.S. 105.
  
- *When will the addition to X105 open?*
  - The addition is anticipated to open for the upcoming 2025-2026 school year.
  
- *Will there be an admissions priority for P.S. 105 students to the middle school grades of P.S. 105, if this proposal is approved?*
  - Yes. As described in more detail below, if this proposal is approved, currently enrolled fifth-grade students would have priority to attend P.S. 105 for middle school.
  
- *If this proposal is approved, how do I ensure that my child in fifth grade can remain at P.S. 105 for sixth grade?*
  - We anticipate that P.S. 105 will be included in the middle school application on MySchools after this proposal is formally issued, and any student interested in applying to P.S. 105 will be able to do so through the middle school admissions process.
    - Families can edit their middle school applications up until the middle school application closes in mid-December.



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- If the proposal is not approved by the Panel for Educational Policy (PEP), P.S. 105 will be removed from families' middle school applications.
    - If this proposal is approved, P.S. 105's middle school grades will be open to students and residents of the Bronx and will give priority to:
      - Current fifth-grade students enrolled at P.S. 105;
      - Then to applicants with siblings who will enroll at P.S. 105 the next school year;
      - Then to residents of the P.S. 105 elementary school zone;
      - Then to District 11 students and residents; and
      - Then to students and residents of the Bronx.
- *What happens next?*
  - We met with the P.S. 105 community and Community Education Council (CEC) 11 this past summer and will continue to engage with the P.S. 105 school community and CEC 11 over the coming weeks about this proposal.
  - We anticipate that, pending community feedback, this proposal will be formally issued this fall via the posting of an Educational Impact Statement.
    - The PEP is expected to vote on whether to approve the proposal in early 2025.
    - In advance of the PEP's vote, there will be a virtual Joint Public Hearing where the community can share feedback.
  - If this proposal is approved:
    - P.S. 105 will expand to serve grades K-8 and its 3-K and pre-K programs. P.S. 105 will add sixth grade in 2025-2026 and will continue to phase in one grade per year until it serves grades K-8 and its 3-K and pre-K programs in the 2027-2028 school year.
    - In the 2025-2026 school year, P596X@X105 will also open in X105 where it will be co-located with P.S. 105. A co-location means that two or more school organizations are located in the same building and may share common spaces, such as the auditorium, cafeteria, and gymnasium.
      - P596X@X105 will serve District 75 students in grades K-5 in 2025-2026 given the significant District 75 elementary school seat need and may serve middle school grades in future years to align with the grades served by P.S. 105.
  - If this proposal is not approved:
    - P.S. 105 will continue to serve grades K-5 and its 3-K and pre-K programs in the 2025-2026 school year, and P596X@X105 will not open in X105. However, we will continue to partner with the community to ensure the new capacity is used to meet the needs of P.S. 105 and District 11.
- *How will space in the new addition be allocated between P596X@X105 and P.S. 105 if this proposal is approved?*
  - If this proposal is approved, P596X@X105 will serve approximately 48-96 District 75 students in 6:1:1, 8:1:1, and/or 12:1:1 (student: teacher: paraprofessional) settings aligned with students' Individualized Education Programs.
  - Based on floor plans provided by the School Construction Authority, there will be District 75 designed space in both the X105 main building and the addition to allow P596X@X105 to



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- operate eight class sections. There will also be sufficient space for P.S. 105 to operate up to five sections per grade.
- If this proposal is approved, the specific placement of P.S. 105 and P596X@X105 will be determined based on a number of factors, including the layout of the building and the needs of each individual school.

We look forward to continuing conversations over the next few weeks and to hearing your feedback. If you have additional questions, please feel free to reach out to District 11 Superintendent Vaughan at [CVaughn2@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:CVaughn2@schools.nyc.gov), or to the Director of Bronx Planning in the Office of District Planning, Valeria Rojas Infantas at [vrojasinfantas@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:vrojasinfantas@schools.nyc.gov).

Sincerely,

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