

Middle School Overview – District 2

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Emerging Issues

Increasing Student Population

“5th grade” increase of 10% and
“K” increase of 27% (5 years)

New Capacity

Four new schools planned

Outdated School Zones

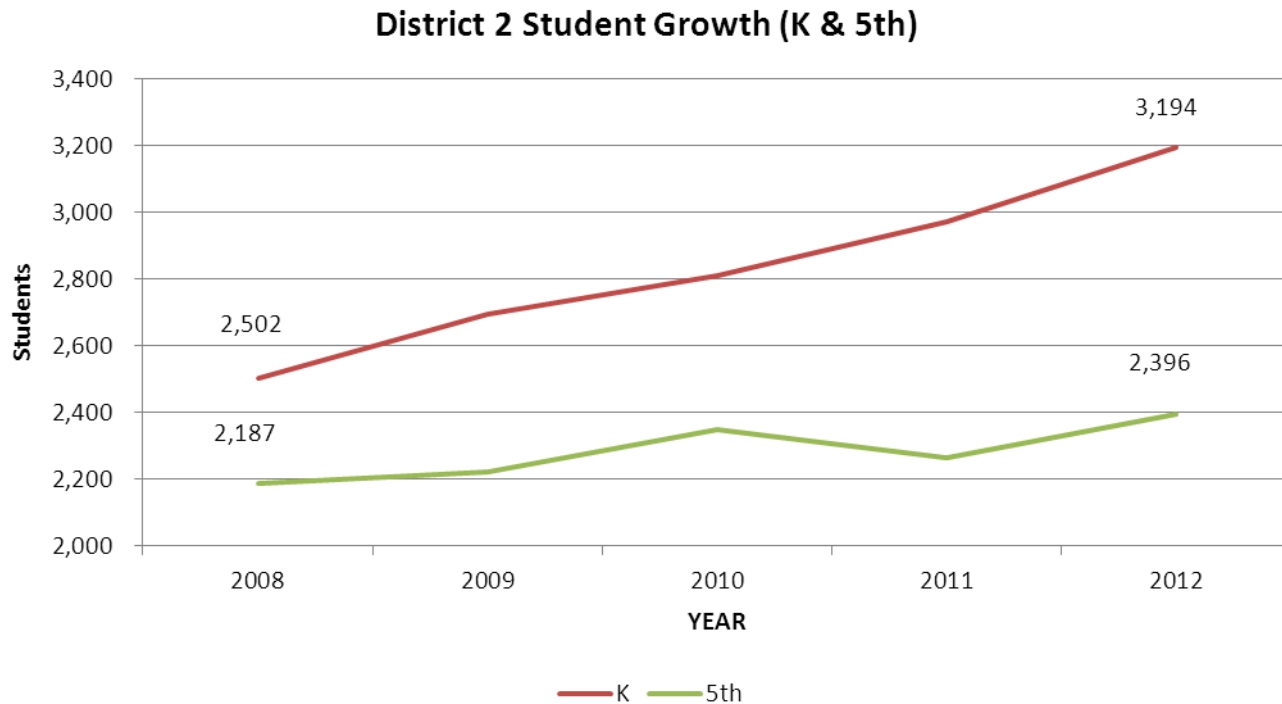
Large “unzoned” areas with
limited set of zoned schools

Inefficient Admissions Process

Complicated, opaque and not
student-centered

Middle School Issues : Increasing Population

Increasing Population



Middle School Issues : New Capacity

New Capacity

- Four new middle schools will open across District 2 over the next three years
- Increase middle school capacity by 400 seats

M177

Opening Date 2014
6th Grade Capacity: 85
Location : UES

M338

Opening Date 2014
6th Grade Capacity: 85
Location : Midtown West

“M397”

Opening Date 2015
6th Grade Capacity: 55
Location : Downtown

M323 - Morton

Opening Date 2016
6th Grade Capacity: 250
Location : Greenwich Vill

Middle School Issues : Outdated Zones

Outdated Zones

- “Unzoned” schools : Three elementary schools (PS 111, PS 51, PS 33) have no corresponding zoned Middle School.
- Zoning Ratio : 4 zoned Middle Schools accommodate 30 zoned elementary schools
- Zoning Imbalance : Baruch serves as the zoned school for 60% of District 2 students

Middle School Issues : Inefficient Admissions

Inefficient Admissions

- Opaque : Limited information available to help drive admissions decisions
 - Average student profile
 - School review process
- Parent Capacity
 - Process is labor intensive (School tours, school fairs, etc)
- Complicated
 - Enrollment process and procedures are difficult for even the most “engaged” families to navigate.

Middle School Model: Potential Objectives

Neighborhood Cohesion

Maintain neighborhood schools and keep students within local community

Balanced Demographics

Ensure enrollment by race, gender, need index reflects overall district

Aligned Student Capabilities

Ensure students with similar capabilities and interests are together

Psychological Impact

Minimize the psychological impact of the process on students

District 2 Middle School Portfolio

- Across NYC each district approaches its MS offering based on a different model
- Admission Method :
 - Zoned, Limited Unscreened, Screened, Audition
- Cohort Size
 - Large, Medium, Small
- Academic Focus
 - Humanities, Arts, Science, Math, etc

Core Middle School Models

- Across NYC each district approaches its MS offering based on a different model

	Zoned	Screened Zoned	Screened Zoned	Screened
	Neighborhood schools Similar academic focus Cohort size varies	D2 Elementary Model Zoned model with a layer of “specialized” schools to meet specific student needs (G&T, Talent)	D2 MS Model Screened model with a foundation of zoned schools to meet specific student needs.	District wide schools Varied academic focus Cohort size varies
Pro				
Con				

District 2 Middle School Portfolio

	ZONED	LTD UNSCRND	SCREENED
LARGE	Baruch AP Wagner AP SYS AP		Baruch SP Wagner SP SYS SP Lab
MEDIUM		Quest	East Side Clinton MAT Future Salk LMCS Hudson River
SMALL	Roosevelt AP	Battery Park	Life Sciences Roosevelt SP

Structural Issues

- *Choice*: What does “Choice” mean within the current MS system?
 - Application choice? Admissions choice?
- *Academic Diversity*: How differentiated are the curricular offerings across MS?
 - Does a “Science” focused school differ from an “Arts” focused school?
 - What are the benefits? At this age?
- *Admissions*: What is the benefit of MS admissions being able to see “student preference”?
 - Ease administrative burden? Improve matching process? Allow schools to look beyond test scores?
- *Information*: How transparent and consistent are MS admissions?
 - Do parents have the needed information to make informed choices? Is the matching process understandable?
- *Zoning*: What is (and what should) the role of zoned schools be within our District?
 - Neighborhood schools? Option for struggling students? Tracking?

Appendix – Middle School Listing

<u>School Name</u>	<u>Admissions Method</u>	<u>6th Seats</u>	<u>Program Focus</u>
M104 - Simon Baruch	Zoned	242	Humanities
M104 - Simon Baruch	Screened	144	Humanities
M114- East Side Middle	Screened	150	Liberal Arts
M126 - Manhattan Academy of Technology	Screened	124	Humanities
M131 - Sun Yat Sen	Zoned	130	Math
M131 - Sun Yat Sen	Screened	60	Math & Technology
M167 - Robert F. Wagner	Zoned	161	Humanities
M167 - Robert F. Wagner	Screened	325	Humanities
M217 - The Roosevelt Island	Zoned	0	Humanities
M217 - The Roosevelt Island	Screened	34	Humanities
M255 - The Salk School of Science	Screened	128	Science
M260 - Clinton School for Writers & Artists	Screened	90	Arts
M276 - Battery Park City School	Limited Unscreened	63	Academics & Arts
M289 - Hudson River Middle School	Screened	94	Humanities
M312 - NYC Lab Middle School	Screened	198	Humanities
M413 - School of Future	Screened	100	Research
M422 - Quest to Learn	Limited Unscreened	81	Humanities
M655 - Life Sciences	Screened	64	Science
M896 - Lower Manhattan	Screened	126	Academics & Arts

Appendix – Elementary School Listing

	Enrollment 2012-2013			Enrollment 2012-2013	
	Total	Kindergarten		Total	Kindergarten
<u>"Chinatown"</u>			<u>Midtown East</u>		
P.S. 001 ALFRED E. SMITH	446	85	P.S. 040 AUGUSTUS SAINT-GAUDEN	612	128
P.S. 002 MEYER LONDON	760	145	P.S. 059 BEEKMAN HILL INTERNATIONAL	589	116
P.S. 042 BENJAMIN ALTMAN	715	152	P.S. 116 MARY LINDLEY MURRAY	779	140
P.S. 124 YUNG WING*	876	142	P.S. 281 The River School	-	-
P.S. 126 JACOB AUGUST RIIS	404	77	<u>Midtown West</u>		
P.S. 130 HERNANDO DE SOTO	952	175	P.S. 033 CHELSEA PREP*	427	70
<u>Downtown</u>			P.S. 051 ELIAS HOWE	276	47
P.S. 89	442	72	P.S. 111 ADOLPH S. OCHS	338	55
P.S. 150	170	28	P.S. 212 MIDTOWN WEST	335	56
P.S. 234 INDEPENDENCE SCHOOL	822	139	<u>Upper East</u>		
P.S. 276 BATTERY PARK CITY SCHOOL	479	121	P.S. 006 LILLIE D. BLAKE	765	125
P.S. 343 The Peck Slip School	46	46	P.S. 77 LOWER LAB SCHOOL*	338	50
P.S. 397 SPRUCE STREET SCHOOL	248	63	P.S. 151	360	95
<u>Greenwich Village</u>			P.S. 158 BAYARD TAYLOR	717	146
P.S. 003 CHARRETTE SCHOOL	766	n/a	P.S. 183 ROBERT L. STEVENSON	617	118
P.S. 011 WILLIAM T. HARRIS*	722	131	P.S. 198 ISADOR E. IDA STRAUS*	471	82
P.S. 041 GREENWICH VILLAGE	765	124	P.S./I.S. 217 ROOSEVELT ISLAND*	323	87
P.S. 340 "Foundling"	-	-	P.S. 267	158	69
			P.S. 290 MANHATTAN NEW SCHOOL	664	101
			PS 527	47	47