



COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL DISTRICT 27

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APPROVED February 24, 2020

Resolution 03-2019-2020 PS 60 School building addition & grade expansion (Grades 6-8)

WHEREAS, P.S. 60Q has many extracurricular activities, including a morning program in which students can do art, play tennis, participate in the Mighty Milers Running Club, and receive help with their homework. The Woodhaven School's state-of-the-art technology is available to students in every classroom. PS 60 would like to continue achieving more and would like to expand with a building addition and grade expansion,

WHEREAS, P.S. 60Q school community is confident that the reconfiguration will deliver educational opportunities for the zoned students of the Woodhaven community. Additionally, PS 60 would like to add classrooms for special education students in grades 6-8, including self-contained and ICT,

WHEREAS, elementary students will have seven to nine years in the same school. This would help students socially, emotionally, and academically and also allows for easier transitions between grades and collaboration among staff members,

WHEREAS, the configuration will lead to over 125 new middle school seats during the first year, which will expand in the coming years to 375 seats in grades 6 through 8. Upon completion of the addition, it would allow the building to go from 125 students per grade to 200 students per grade, which is much needed in an ever-growing culturally diverse district. Compared to economically advantaged Queens neighborhoods, the Woodhaven community is in much need of educational opportunities for students in sixth, seventh, and eighth grades,

WHEREAS, as a zoned school, students who are registered in the 5th grade by October 31st of any given year would be eligible to attend the middle school at P.S. 60. However, in order to go to a K-8 school, an additional academic building is required to add to the existing P.S. 60, educational complex, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that CEC 27 is in agreement with the expansion and grade expansion of PS 60 and request that the School Construction Authority include the addition to PS 60 in the Capital Plan and fully fund the project. We are confident that the expansion to grades K-8 will deliver the best educational opportunities to the Woodhaven community. There was a motion made by Willie Jones and seconded by Lisa Johnson Cooper to approve resolution 03 2019/2020. The vote was approved by roll call vote of 7. Willie Jones, Roseanne Gatto, Rebeca Herrera, Alysa O'Shea, Dr. Natalie Bissoon, Lisa Cooper Johnson and Denise Bryant Brooks voted yes.

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