



Dear Community Education Council 28:

Thank you for your resolution regarding the Manhattan priority at certain Manhattan high schools. We appreciate your feedback. Please note that this policy was developed after engagement with families and a close review of past and projected enrollment data. Although it aims to improve access to certain schools for Manhattan students, it also seeks to preserve seats for students citywide. This policy change only applies at six of our ~120 Manhattan high schools. Most schools will continue to treat Manhattan applicants the same as Queens applicants in admissions.

Furthermore, publicly available data demonstrate that although these six schools previously did not have a Manhattan priority, almost all of them admitted only fewer than five District 28 students due to consistently high demand and competition for seats. NYCPS will continue to monitor the impact of this policy in future years.

We are also excited to have over 5,000 new high school seats under construction in Queens, over 800 of which will be in District 28.

Should you have any further questions, please reach out to enrollmentfeedback@schools.nyc.gov.

Best,

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