

Community Comments Received Post the Trustee Mailing

Success Academy Charter School

- Second statement from CEC3 dated 10/18/10
 - No room in the elementary schools of CEC3
 - Overcrowding in southern portion of the community school district
 - NYCDOE and Success Academy over-estimate CEC capacity
 - The currently available number of seats will not accommodate the charter school at full capacity
 - Many charter schools students will not come from CEC
 - A specific building should be named in the application
 - District received a federal magnet school grant that requires them to increase minority enrollment; they need space for that
 - Previous negative experience with the management team of Harlem Success
 - NYCDOE favoritism of Harlem Success
- Second Letter from CEC President dated 10/11
 - Alleges problem with 45 day notice period in statute
 - Alleges “illegal post-secondary lottery rejection of students with special needs”
- Letter from Assemblyman O’Donnell
 - The building should be approved before the application, otherwise there is no way for SUNY to assess its compliance with district health, safety and sanitary regulations.
 - Believes that after the application is approved, there is no State avenue to address this.
- PS 145 Parents Association
 - Does not want a charter school in the building as the school has its own plans to increase its enrollment and there isn’t enough space.
 - A charter school will mean less time in the library, lunch room and computer room for PS 145 students.
- Email from both co-presidents of the city-wide council on special education
 - Success Academy has “history of limited services to students with disabilities.”
 - Success Academy uses misleading numbers on building capacity.
 - Concerned about looming zoning issue.
- Bi-lingual Special Education Teacher at PS 145
 - Believes bringing in a charter school would jeopardize the school’s ability to provide special education services and place the district’s magnet school grant in jeopardy.

- Letter from Leonie Haimson, Class Size Matters
 - No room in CEC 3;
 - NYCDOE overestimates actual space in schools;
 - there has been a rapid enrollment growth in CEC3, they will need whatever available seats they have;
 - will likely overcrowd the existing schools in the district, causing class sizes to increase even further, and lead to a loss of cluster and intervention spaces; and
 - will jeopardize federal grant.
- Letter from a parent of a child receiving special education services in PS 145 who is worried that co-location will diminish the services provided to her son.
- Eight additional emails reiterating one or more points above.

Bronx Success 3 Charter School

- Letter from Leonie Haimson, Class Size Matters
 - No room in CEC 7;
 - NYCDOE overestimates actual space in schools;
 - Expected enrollment growth in CEC 7; and
 - will likely cause class sizes to rise above recommended levels and lead to a loss of cluster and intervention spaces.

Petition in opposition to any new charter schools in New York City that do not provide for their own facility space begun by Leonie Haimson, Class Size Matters:

- 57 additional “signatures” - 22 from people from out of state or outside of New York City.