School District 15

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Process Overview

The D15 Diversity Plan is a community engagement and planning process that has been established to create diverse, meaningfully integrated middle schools in D15.

This participatory process has been developed in support of the NYC Department of Education’s (DOE’s) commitment to ensuring quality learning environments that reflect the diversity of New York City by engaging community members, incorporating community input into a set of policy recommendations, and making data related to school diversity more transparent.

The plan will ultimately include an expression of values and priorities that speak directly to District 15’s diverse residents and articulate concrete recommendations for each area of focus; it will balance community input with research and analysis; and it will include a plan for implementation and means for tracking future efforts.

The plan will include a combination of short- and long-term recommendations promote diversity throughout District 15’s middle schools, and this participatory process will serve as a model for engagement for developing district-level diversity plans throughout New York City.

El Plan de Diversidad D15 es un compromiso comunitario y un proceso de planificación que fue establecido para crear escuelas medias diversas, significativamente integradas en el D15.

Este proceso participativo fue desarrollado en apoyo al compromiso del Departamento de Educación (DOE, por sus siglas en inglés) de NYC para apoyar los ambientes de aprendizaje de calidad que reflejen la diversidad de la Ciudad de Nueva York al involucrar a los miembros de la comunidad, incorporar información comunitaria en un conjunto de recomendaciones políticas y hacer que los datos relacionados con la diversidad escolar sean más transparentes.

Básicamente, el plan incluirá una expresión de valores y prioridades que hablen directamente a los diferentes residentes del Distrito 15, como así también que articulen recomendaciones concretas para cada área de enfoque; equilibrará la información comunitaria con investigación y análisis e incluirá un plan para la implementación y medios para hacer un seguimiento de los esfuerzos futuros.

El plan incluirá una combinación de políticas y programas a corto y largo plazo que promuevan la diversidad en todas las escuelas del Distrito 15 y este proceso participativo servirá como modelo de compromiso para desarrollar planes de diversidad a nivel de distrito en toda la Ciudad de Nueva York.

“15區多元化計畫”是一項社區參與和規劃程式，該計畫旨在在15區創建多元化、有意義的綜合性中學。

“15區多元化計畫”最終會形成一個基於社區的計畫，旨在在紐約布魯克林15區建立多樣化、有意義的綜合中學（包括波克蘭姆小丘、卡羅爾花園、聶依石山、福特格林、瓦納斯、肯辛頓、公園坡、溫莎臺以及紅鉤）。

開發這種參與式程式是為了支持紐約市教育局（DOE）打造高質量學習環境，這種學習環境體現了紐約市的多樣性。通過吸引社區成員，把社區投入整合成一套政策建議，並讓關於學校多元化的數據更加透明。

該計畫最終將包括一項價值和優先權表達，直接對接15區的不同居民，並對各領域重點提出具體建議，該計畫將對社區投入與社區研究和分析進行平衡，並將包括一項實施計畫和多種追蹤未來工作的方法。

該計畫將包括一系列的短期和長期政策和專案組合，以促進15區所有中學的多元化，而該參與式程式將成為整個紐約市發展地區多元化計畫的參與模式。
D15 Diversity Plan Goals

• Create diverse, meaningfully integrated middle schools in D15

• Collect and organize community concerns in order to influence the DOE’s diversity initiatives

• Conduct data analysis to test diversity initiatives

• Develop implementable recommendations that reflect community input

• Build a base of engaged residents ready to advocate collectively for changes in education policy in D15

Public Workshop #3 Goals

• Recap & provide an overview of the community planning process

• Present analysis to-date and key findings

• Present summarized themes from Public Workshops #1 & #2

• Present initial draft recommendations and ideas

• Gather community input and feedback
In the Fall of 2017, a Working Group of stakeholders from across D15 was formed to guide the community planning process. They are tasked with keeping the process inclusive, accessible and accountable to all D15 residents and integrating the community findings from Public Workshops into a plan framework and set of recommendations. The information collected at Public Workshops #1 and #2 serves as the basis of the draft recommendations presented today.

Today we encourage workshop participants to read and review all of the information and draft recommendations presented. We are asking participants to provide feedback, share your thoughts, ask questions and engage in discussion with other D15 residents! Your feedback will be collected, reviewed and discussed by the D15 Working Group, and will be used to further develop and refine the ideas presented today. Additionally, based on the workshop feedback, the further testing of ideas and recommendations will take place, such as simulating the impacts of admissions policy changes.

A set of final draft recommendations will be presented at a Public Workshop in late June (date TBD). The final D15 Diversity plan will be released in July and presented to the DOE for their consideration.
What We Heard at Public Workshop #1

Admissions:
The current system benefits people with the privilege to hire tutors.

Admission process causes emotional hardship for children. It is burdensome.

Screen for inclusion, not exclusion: Screen to increase diversity.

School Environment:
Cultural competency/anti-racist training for teachers and staff.

Curriculum should reflect diverse identities and cultures.

Tracking causes classrooms to become segregated within a school.

Not OK with academic diversity. Tracking is needed in 7th and 8th grades.

Academic Support:
Support a diversity of teaching and learning styles.

Increase teacher pay.

“The public school system should not be a marketplace”

Resource Allocation:
How will school integration impact Title I funding?

Parents must be educated on the funding process to effectively advocate for their needs.

Resources go to whiter, wealthier schools.

Access to Information:
Guidance counselors and staff guide students towards certain schools.

Schools sometimes distribute misinformation about the admissions process.

Not all parents have equal access to information about the admissions process.

Culture of Inclusion:
Students should learn the language of their peers.

Parents must become more comfortable with sending their children to school with students who do not look like them.

Transportation + Segregation:
Certain schools are perceived as neighborhood schools, others as travel schools.

Some parents view transportation as a limiting factor in school choice.

Elementary schools should be close to home, while middle schools can be farther away.

Housing segregation is reflected in the schools.

Give priority based on geography.

“Two systems in one district: One system sets you up to succeed, the other sets you up to fail.”
What We Heard at Public Workshop #2

Middle School Screening:
Rejection takes an unnecessary emotional toll on young students.
Admissions system is disproportionately burdensome for immigrant families.
Current screens lead to segregation and may be biased.
Students will get bored if not challenged by their classmates.

“Parents and students cluster where they feel they belong.”

Access to Information:
Students share misinformation about schools.
Language access is necessary to support parents at all schools.
Middle school representatives should visit elementary schools.

“Visible segregation is toxic within schools.”

Teaching:
Culturally responsive teaching that connects to individual cultures.
Teachers play a significant role in creating an inclusive environment.
Increase language access.
Teaching should create empathetic problem solvers.

“Approach to managing student behavior should consider restorative justice.”

Resource Allocation:
Increase resources for less popular schools.
Establish mechanism for PTA resource sharing across the district.
Teachers need resources to teach in diverse learning environments.

Tracking + Segregation:
Tracking creates a school within a school.
Students should have equitable access to resources outside of the classroom (e.g. music, computers, etc.).
Exposure to different types of learners is positive.
Students should specialize by interest, not skills or academic performance.
Tracking encourages students to perform better.

Students:
Fear of behavioral impact on other students.
Students should be able to share diverse experiences in the classroom.
D15 Middle School Demographics
(6,016 Students)

3% Other (143 Students)
31% White (1,893 Students)
12% Black (703 Students)
42% Hispanic (2,510 Students)
12% Asian (746 Students)

Source: NYC DOE, SY 2016-2017
Median Income in D15

D15 Median Income

- $9,829 - 45,000
- $45,001 - 65,000
- $65,001 - 100,000
- $100,001 - 200,000+

Source: Census, 2015 American Community Survey 5-year estimates
Am I looking at a full plan?

No, the ideas that the Working Group is presenting today are not a full plan but a set of initial ideas that could become more fully developed recommendations.

The D15 Working Group needs your help today to decide which of these options to develop into a more formal plan. Community members will be presented a more developed set of recommendations at the 4th Public Workshop in June and will be given the opportunity to provide more input and feedback.

Many of the ideas presented today could be done together - although some cannot. You should provide feedback about the individual ideas, but also leave comments about places where you think these ideas connect.

It’s also important to note that these initial ideas are based on community input and come from the Working Group - not from the DOE. Based on your feedback today, the Working Group will work with the DOE to decide how best to turn these options into a full plan.
Inclusion: School Environment & Activities
Public Schools in Brooklyn

There are 342,662 Public School Students in Brooklyn:
- 178,389 (K-5)
- 71,217 (6-8)
- 93,016 (9-12)
- Enrollment in Brooklyn has been growing for the past 10 years (from 322,716 in 2007-08)

More Information about Brooklyn Students:
- 77% of students are low income
- 19% of students have a disability
- 13% of students are ELLs (English Language Learners)
- 9% of students live in temporary housing

Student Demographics by Race:
- 16% of students are Asian
- 36% of students are Black
- 28% of students are Hispanic
- 18% of students are White
- 2% of students are multiple race categories not represented

Students in Brooklyn speak 138 different Languages:
- 62% speak English at home
- 15% speak Spanish at home
- 9% speak Chinese at home
- 3% speak Russian at home
- Other common languages include: Arabic, Urdu, Bengali, Haitian Creole, Uzbek, French, Polish, and Tadzhik.

Teacher Demographics

There are 567 schools in Brooklyn, including 87 Charter Schools:
- 233 Elementary
- 68 K-8
- 94 Middle Schools
- 27 Secondary
- 125 High Schools
- 20 Grades K-12
- 415 Pre-K Programs

D15 MS Teacher Demographics

D15 MS Student Demographics

Behavior 2016-2017 School Year

Student Suspensions (218 Suspensions)

D15 MS Student Demographics (6,016 Students)

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Please share your thoughts & feedback on the draft recommendations using stickers and sticky notes.

Source: NYC DOE, District 15 Principal Suspensions, SY 2016-2017
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<td><strong>建議:</strong> 為15區行政人員、教師、家長和學生提供反種族歧視、反偏見和文化敏感性培訓的機會。</td>
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<td><strong>建議:</strong> 採取短期和長期雇傭政策和目標，使各層次的教師和工作人員的種族多樣性與15區學生的種族多樣性更一致。</td>
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<td><strong>建議:</strong> 支持15區的教育工作者，為教育工作者在融合學術、種族和社會經濟的課堂上帶來最佳實踐體驗。</td>
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Integration: Access to Information & Admission Policies
Key Data Findings

Middle School Segregation
- Analysis of individual District 15 middle school student demographics illustrates racial and socio-economic segregation or clustering. In comparison to district-wide racial and socio-economic averages, individual schools often have significant over-representation or under-representation of specific racial groups, low-income students and English language learners.

Connections between School Segregation and Residential Segregation
- School segregation reflects patterns of housing segregation in District 15. White students are clustered in the northern region of the district, particularly in Cobble Hill, Carroll Gardens, and Park Slope. Hispanic students are clustered in the south western end of the district, predominantly in Sunset Park. Asian students can be found in Borough Park and Kensington. Enclaves of Black students can be found in Red Hook and Gowanus and throughout the district.

Demographic Trends and Changes in D15
- Citywide public school enrollment and District 15 public school enrollment has increased over the last 10 years, adding over 80,000 students citywide and over 6,000 students in District 15. Over that same 10 year period, District 15’s white middle school student population has nearly doubled from 16% to 31%. The Black middle school student population has decreased from 23% to 12% and the Hispanic middle school population has decreased from 52% to 43%.

Sending School Patterns
- Analysis of student data indicates sending school patterns between specific elementary and middle schools highlighting and informal network of “sub-districts.” These sub-districts follow patterns of racial segregation. Predominantly white elementary schools send white students to predominantly white middle schools, these patterns can also be observed for Hispanic students in District 15.

Choice in Admissions
- School choice has the most impact on the demographics of individual middle schools in District 15. Simulations used to test a district-wide lottery system, a system using academic diversity priorities and a system using sending elementary school priorities did not result in significant demographic changes because of the limited way in which choices are made.

Screens
- Black and Hispanic students are disproportionately affected by school screens such as tardies, absences, and standardized test scores. These screens remove Black and Hispanic students from the middle school applicant pool at higher percentages than White and Asian students.

Teacher Demographics
- Middle school teacher racial demographics do not closely reflect middle student racial demographics. Hispanic students make up the largest racial group in the district (42%), while Hispanic teachers make up 12% of D15 middle school teachers. White teachers make up the largest racial contingency comprising 67% of the district in a district of 32% white students.

Middle School Student Suspensions
- Black and Hispanic students are suspended at disproportionately high rates in District 15. Black students make up 12% of the middle school population but represent 33% of Principal suspensions. White students make up 31% of the middle school population and represent 9% of Principal suspensions.
School choice has the most impact on the demographics of individual middle schools in District 15.

As part of the D15 planning process, simulations were used to test a district-wide lottery system, a system using academic diversity priorities and a system using sending elementary school priorities. These simulations did not result in significant demographic changes because of the limited way in which choices are made. For example, white students typically apply to predominantly white schools, and Hispanic students typically apply to predominantly Hispanic schools.

This suggests the need to: (1) modify the choices students can make and/or (2) expand the choices students are making.

Additionally, the removal of all school screens produced limited changes in middle school demographics.

## Match

New York City’s middle school match gives families an opportunity to choose middle schools that they would like to attend. Families submit an application with up to 12 choices, and students receive an offer to a single school from the DOE. That offer is the best choice from their application a student can get with the available seats at each school. If a school has more seats than applicants, all students who prefer to attend that school to any others on their list get a seat at the school. When a school has more applicants than seats, the students who apply are put in order. At screened schools, schools are able to create this order themselves. At lottery schools, this order is created by a random number. Some schools also give a priority to certain students, for example, students who live in the district. In this case, if there are more applicants than seats, students are ordered by priority group then by school rank or random number.

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The DOE can test changes to the match by making a simulation. In a simulation, we change some of the rules about how students are matched to schools. We can then compare the outcomes of that simulation to the actual match for the same students and schools. For all of the simulations for D15, we kept all of the choices that families made in the actual application the same. The only changes that we made were to the order in which schools consider students. We make these simulations, we test changes to some schools, but we run the match for the entire city. This means that we can still see D15 residents matching to schools outside of the district and students who live outside the district matching into D15.

### Simulation 1: District-Wide Lottery

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### Simulation 2: Sending School

For Simulation 2, we looked at how many students applied from each elementary school in the district as well as schools outside the district. We made groups of seats at each middle school based on different sets of applicants from different elementary schools. The size of each group matched the share of applicants who came from elementary schools in each set. Some sets were larger than others because more or fewer students from those schools applied. We then divided the seats at each middle school by these groups. Each group of seats was open to all students, but students that came from a school in that group’s set of elementary schools were given a priority. This simulation did not result in significant demographic changes because of the limited way in which choices are made.

### Simulation 3: Academic Diversity

This simulation was very similar to the Sending School simulation; instead of making groups of seats that give priority to students based on their elementary school, we made groups of seats that give priority to students based on their test scores. In this case, there are five sets: students who average a 1, 2, 3, or 4 on Math/ELA state tests and students who did not average a 1, 2, 3, or 4 on Math/ELA state tests. When a school has more applicants than seats, the students who apply are put in order. At screened schools, schools are able to create this order themselves. At lottery schools, this order is created by a random number. Some schools also give a priority to certain students, for example, students who live in the district. In this case, if there are more applicants than seats, students are ordered by priority group then by school rank or random number.

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Elementary to Middle School sending patterns illustrate the movement of students from elementary schools to middle schools in District 15. The thickness of the line corresponds to the number of students enrolling from a specific elementary school in a specific middle school - the thicker the line, the higher the number of students traveling from the elementary to middle school.
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