

CEC 30 Long Island City Planning Presentation

Office of District Planning
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Introductions

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Goals for Tonight

- We are here tonight to review some of the content we presented at the April 21st and May 12th CEC 30 meetings, recap the feedback we heard at the May 29th community meeting, and to share an update on where we are with planning for a potential incubation opportunity.
 - There are two new school buildings opening in Long Island City beginning in September 2027.
 - We have an opportunity to open a new school earlier in a temporary location.
 - An “incubation” occurs when a new school opens and serves students at a temporary site in advance of moving to its long-term site.

Agenda

New School Buildings & Potential Incubation Sites

**Key Community Feedback We've Heard So Far,
Planning Update, & Next Steps**

Discussion & Feedback

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New Buildings & Potential Incubation Sites

New Buildings

- There are three new buildings currently anticipated to open in Hunter's Point / Court Square in District 30.

Building	Address	Project Name	Design	Total Seats	Anticipated Opening
Q341	1-50 54th Avenue	Parcel C	ES	547	September 2027
Q508	23-10 43rd Avenue	Court Square	ES	547	September 2028
Q638*	44-59 45 th Avenue*	Vernon Blvd*	MS	TBD	TBD

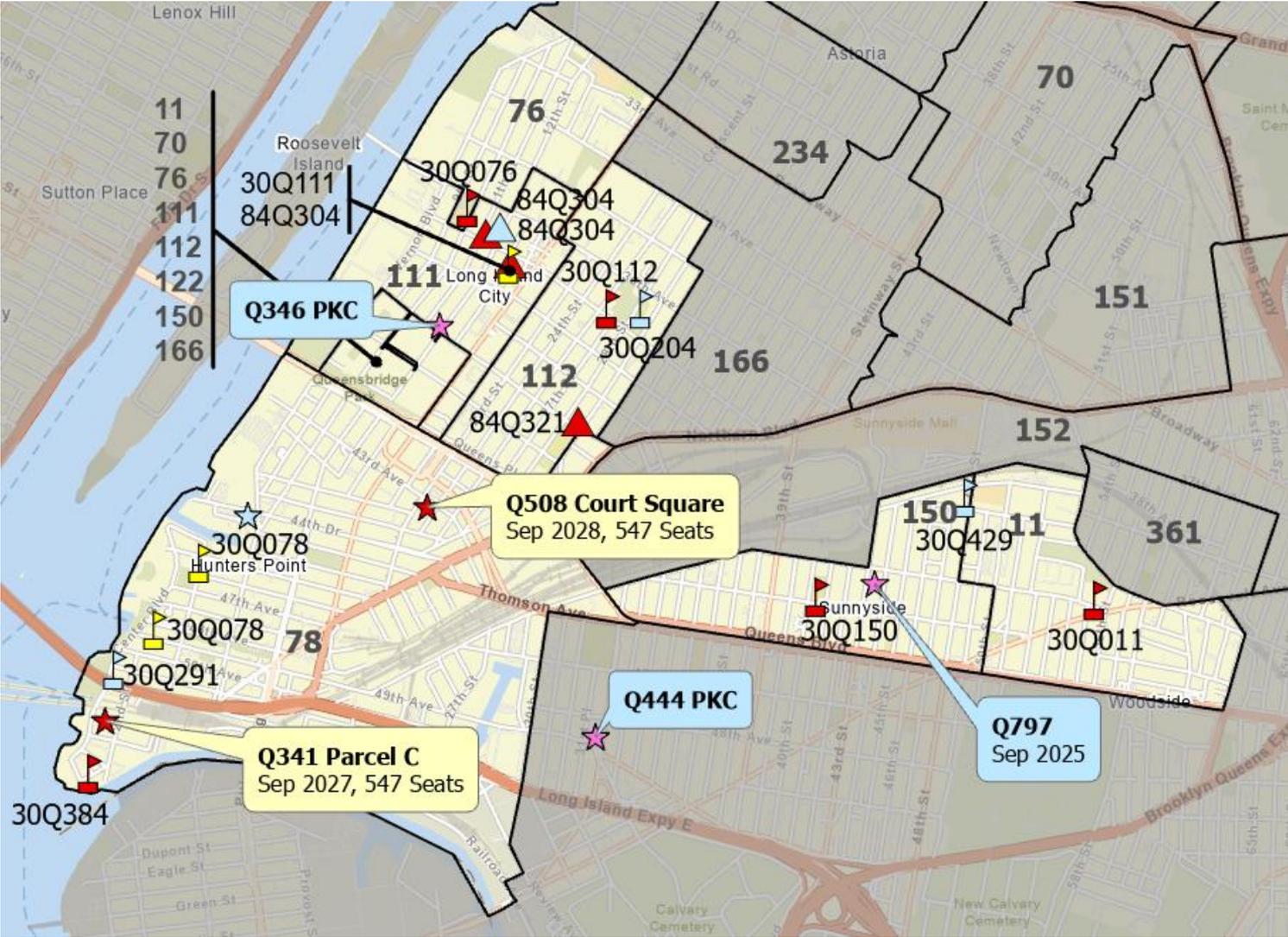
*Pending ongoing discussions as part of the Long Island City Neighborhood Plan

Potential Incubation Sites

- Over the past few months, NYCPS has been gathering feedback on opening and incubating a new school(s) beginning in the 2026-2027 school year that would eventually be housed in the Court Square and/or Parcel C buildings long-term.
- There are three standalone potential incubation sites being explored.

Building	Address	Design	Total Classrooms	Amenities	Status
Q346	11-11 40 th Avenue in LIC	Early Childhood	7 Two Floors	Exercise Room	Under Construction Expected for 2026
Q444	48-18 Van Dam Street in LIC	Early Childhood	9 One Floor	Exercise Room	Under Construction Expected for 2026
Q797	41-12 44 th Street in Sunnyside	PS	11 Two Floors + Basement	Outdoor Space Multi-purpose Room Cafeteria	Temporarily Utilized by P.S. 150 for SY24-25

Map of Potential Incubation Sites



Key Community Feedback We've Heard So Far, Planning Update, & Next Steps

Current Admissions Data and Need

- Elementary
 - As of 5/27/25, only **5 students** zoned to P.S./I.S. 78 **had not yet received an offer** to either P.S./I.S. 78 or P.S. 384 (or a more preferred option) for Fall 2025.
 - Due to space limitations, **we anticipate having to decrease** the number of Kindergarten **seats at P.S. 384** for the 2026-27 school year, increasing the elementary school need.
- Middle School
 - **Every 5th grade applicant** currently enrolled at P.S./I.S. 78 and P.S. 384 **received an offer** to middle school at P.S./I.S. 78, Hunters Point Middle School, or a different school they preferred more.
 - While we anticipate longer-term need, **we anticipate a similar demand for 6th grade seats in this area for the 2026-27 school year**

Key Community Feedback We've Heard So Far

- Even with current admissions data, there remains significant concern about there being enough seats in the I.S. 78 zone, especially into the future.
 - As such, there is a strong desire for incubation and additional seats in LIC at both the elementary and middle school level.
- After presenting the three potential incubation sites publicly on three occasions, there is overwhelming support for the Q150 annex, primarily due to the outdoor play space and amenities.
 - There is certainly an acknowledgment that the distance has challenges although some Court Square families don't feel it's any different than traveling to P.S. 384.
 - There has been extremely limited community advocacy for the two pre-K center options shared.

Planning Update & Next Steps

- We are proceeding with **opening and incubating a new school at least with Kindergarten beginning in the 2026-27 school year**. The Office of New School Design and Development in collaboration with Superintendent Hidalgo will begin the planning process for this new school!
- We remain committed to including middle school seats upon the opening of Parcel C and/or Court Square.
- Conversations are ongoing on a final decision for the incubation location and long-term location (Parcel C and Court Square). To ensure we give community members more time to share feedback, we would like to issue a brief survey in the coming weeks to gather additional feedback on these remaining open questions.
 - We continue to hear feedback that the Q150 annex is a preferable incubation site, from the three available options we presented, primarily due to the outdoor play space and amenities (multi-purpose room and cafeteria).

Discussion and Feedback

Guiding Discussion Questions

- Do you think future Kindergarten families who may attend school at Court Square and/or Parcel C would be willing to travel to the Q150 annex on a temporary basis?
- Do you support the idea to focus on elementary school incubation in the Q150 annex?
- Would you prefer for us to incubate Parcel C or Court Square in September 2026?
- What is most important to you in thinking about the design and planning for a new elementary school in your community?
- What are the greatest needs and priorities to keep in mind when planning for the opening of Parcel C and Court Square?
- As we continue the planning process, what methods of engagement do you think work best for this community?

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We look forward to gathering your feedback this summer through our survey, as we collaboratively continue to answer remaining open questions on incubation and begin to assess potential rezonings and how the new buildings can best meet district needs and priorities.

Please send any feedback to
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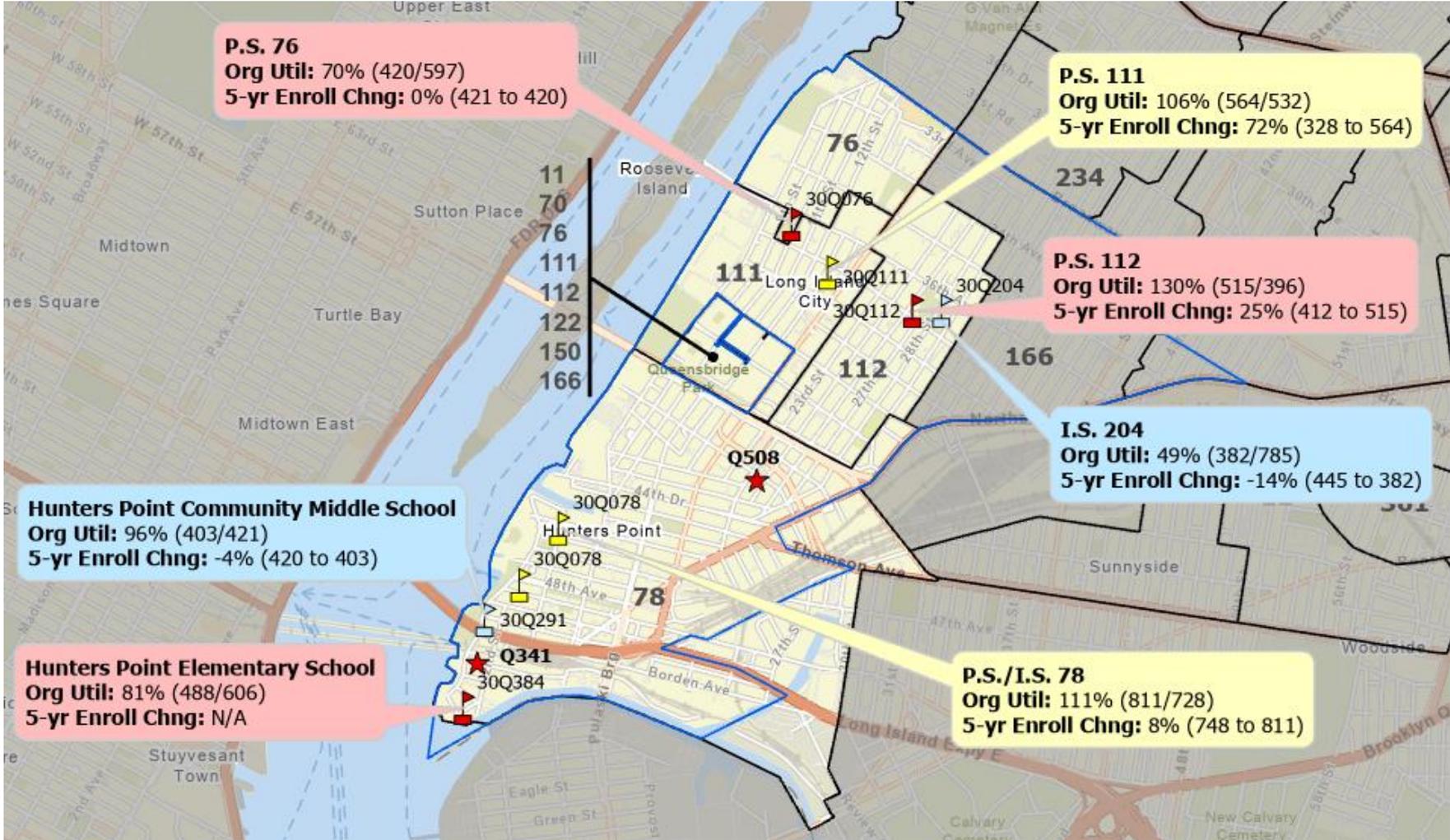
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Appendix

Current Data



1. Seat Need: Positive indicates excess seats and negative indicates a seat deficit.
2. Utilization is based on 2024-2025 Audited Register for enrollment and 2023-2024 Blue Book for capacity.
3. Hunters Point ES is a new school phasing in.

Potential Incubation Site Geography

- K-2 students are eligible for yellow bussing or OMNY card if they live further than 0.5 miles from their school site.

Building	Distance from Parcel C/Q341	Distance from Court Square/Q508	Public Transportation
Q346	1.8 miles	0.6 miles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • F Train at 21 St-Queensbridge (0.2 miles) • 7/N/W Trains at Queensboro Plaza (0.6 miles) • N/W Train at 39 Av (0.7 miles) • Q102 Bus at 40 Av/12 St (108 feet away) • Q69 Bus at 21 St/40 Av (0.1 miles)
Q444	1.5 miles	1.1 miles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 Train at 33 St/Rawson St (0.4 miles) • Q39 bus at Thomson Av/Van Dam St (0.1 miles)
Q797	2.3 miles	1.5 miles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 Train at 46 St-Bliss St (0.3 miles) • Q60 bus at 7th Av (0.2 miles) • Q32 bus at Queens Blvd & 45 St (0.2 miles) • Q104 bus at 48 St/Skillman Av (0.2 miles)