Brooklyn North Interdistrict Magnet Initiative - Program Abstract

A consortium of Community School Districts 13, 14, and 16 in the borough of Brooklyn, NY, led by D13, is requesting MSAP funding in the amount of $14,999,995 to convert the following schools into whole-school magnet programs: PS 44 in D13-Magnet School of Engineering and Design (124 students); PS 93 in D13-Magnet School of STEAM (180 students); PS 256 in D13-Magnet School of Architecture and Engineering (214 students); MS 301 in D13-Magnet School of Global Exploration and Innovation (88 students); MS 50 in D14-Magnet School for Debate and Youth Leadership (326 students); and MS 898 in D16-Magnet School for Eco-Activism (85 students). The Brooklyn North magnet program will address the MSAP objectives by:

• Reducing minority group isolation among Black/African American students at five schools and Hispanic/Latinx students at one school by attracting a new and more racially diverse population of students through innovative and unique thematic programs and a strategic, aggressive, and targeted approach to outreach and recruitment;

• Implementing research- and evidence-based instructional strategies that promote high levels of student achievement and the attainment of noncognitive skills, to ensure magnet school students meet challenging academic standards and are college- and career-ready;

• Ensuring that all students attending magnet schools have equal access to opportunities to gain magnet value-added skills and knowledge;

• Offering opportunities for students to go beyond the walls of their schools and boundaries of their communities to experience the real-world applications of what they learn in school; and

• Building the schools’ capacity to provide rigorous, thematic instructional programs through a strong plan of professional and curriculum development, which will enhance the knowledge and skills of staff and school leaders in research- and evidence-based instructional approaches.