

Community School Districts 19 & 27, Brooklyn & Queens, NY – MSAP Abstract

A consortium of Community School Districts 19 and 27 in the East New York, and Cypress Hills neighborhoods in Brooklyn, NY and Ozone Park, in Queens, is requesting MSAP funding in the amount of \$14,999,995, to convert the following four schools into new whole-school magnet school programs: IS 171 (Leadership and Innovation), PS 202 (Journalism and Multimedia Studies), IS 654 (Multimedia Arts and Engineering), and PS 64 (Leadership and Social Justice Activism). By the end of the five-year grant, the four schools will be serving a total of 1,374 students in grades PK-8.

In alignment with NYC Schools Chancellor Banks’s vision to “reimagine the student experience,” each magnet school will develop an innovative, theme-based program that provides rigorous instruction and enrichment activities to all students that are not available in other schools in the participating districts. Supported by a robust set of partnerships, the magnet themes will be infused into core subject curricula through the development of interdisciplinary curricula to provide enhanced, rigorous, and engaging learning opportunities for all students. The D19-27 magnet program has four overarching objectives:

- To eliminate MGI among Black/African American students in one proposed magnet school (PS 202), and at three proposed magnet schools reduce MGI among Black/African American students (IS 654), Hispanic students (IS 171), and Asian students (PS 64).
- To ensure that all students attending the magnet schools meet challenging academic standards and are on track to be college- and career-ready.
- To ensure that all students attending the magnet schools benefit from the magnet’s educational offerings and have equal opportunities to gain magnet theme-specific value-added skills and knowledge.
- To build the capacity within the magnet schools to provide rigorous, theme- and evidence-based instructional programs that will help promote choice and diversity.