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**SPACE TO PLAY,  
ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT:  
An Evaluation of the Schoolyards to Playgrounds  
Program**

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Schoolyards to Playgrounds program, a part of Mayor Bloomberg's PlaNYC 2030, provides communities with greater access to open space by making schoolyards open to the public from eight AM to dusk on non-school days and after school until dusk on school days. The purpose of the program is to help meet the PlaNYC goal of ensuring that every New Yorker lives within a ten-minute walk of a park and reducing childhood obesity and asthma.

Council Member Gale A. Brewer has been a long-time proponent of the concept of opening schoolyards for community use and, in 2006, proposed a City Council Resolution calling on the Department of Education to create a program for this purpose. In July 2007, Schoolyards to Playgrounds was launched with 69 schoolyards that, according to the PlaNYC report, needed no capital improvements.

Over the summer of 2008, the Office of the Public Advocate, with the assistance of the Office of Council Member Gale A. Brewer, conducted a survey of these 69 schoolyards. All of the schoolyards were surveyed on weekdays to determine if they were open to the public and, if they were open, to assess their overall quality. Twenty schoolyards, four in each borough, were randomly selected to be revisited to determine if they were open to the public on weekends. Surveyors found that:

- Twenty-three percent of the schoolyards visited on weekdays were closed.
- Forty percent of schoolyards visited on the weekend were closed.
- The boroughs with the greatest percentage of schoolyards closed on weekdays were Manhattan and Staten Island.
- Six schoolyards open on weekdays had no amenities except basketball backboards. One schoolyard did not even have a basketball backboard.
- Thirty-four percent of open schoolyards had no playground equipment for children to climb. However, in schoolyards that did have playground equipment for children to climb, the equipment was in good condition.
- Forty-five percent of open schoolyards had no trees to provide shade.
- Ninety-one percent of open schoolyards had no swings.
- Forty-seven percent of open schoolyards had no benches for passive recreation.
- Ninety-four percent of open schoolyards had no DOE employee on site.
- The majority of open schoolyards were in good overall condition.

The Public Advocate recommends that the city take the following actions:

- Ensure that school administrators understand the requirements of being a Schoolyards to Playgrounds participant and have the resources to fulfill those requirements.
- Add schoolyards with little or no amenities to the list of schoolyards that will receive additional funding and capital improvements.
- Partner with community groups to provide alternative programming such as tennis, basketball, or baseball for schoolyards for which it would be impractical to add playground equipment.

## **INTRODUCTION**

Mayor Bloomberg's PlaNYC 2030 cites access to parks as part of the solution to growing children's health problems such as obesity and asthma. One goal of the plan is that "by 2030, virtually every New Yorker across the city will live within a 10-minute walk of a park." One way the city has set about achieving this goal is the creation of the Schoolyards to Playgrounds Program, through which schoolyards across the city have been opened to the public as playgrounds from eight AM to dusk on non-school days and after school until dusk on school days.<sup>1</sup>

In order for the program to effectively address the health and fitness of children, however, each participating school must have the following: 1) a school employee present to unlock the playground at eight AM on non-school days and to lock the playground at dusk, which can be as late as eight PM in the summer; 2) cooperative school administrators who will instruct the custodial staff to carry out these tasks, and 3) a schoolyard in good enough condition and with sufficient amenities to foster physical activity.

Pursuant to the New York City Charter, the Public Advocate is authorized to review and investigate the programs, operations, and activities of city agencies.<sup>2</sup> In accordance with this responsibility, the Office of the Public Advocate, with the assistance of the Office of Council Member Gale A. Brewer, initiated an investigation to 1) assess the accessibility to the public of schoolyards participating in the Schoolyards to Playgrounds initiative and 2) assess the overall quality of those playgrounds found to be accessible. Surveyors visited all 69 Schoolyards to Playgrounds sites during the summer of 2008 to evaluate them based on the above criteria. This report is based on the findings of those visits.

## **BACKGROUND**

On Earth Day 2007, Mayor Bloomberg announced PlaNYC 2030, a series of initiatives developed by the Office of Long Term Planning and Sustainability designed to address sustainability in five broad areas: land, water, air, energy, and transportation. PlaNYC 2030 may be best known for introducing New Yorkers to congestion pricing, a plan to reduce traffic and vehicle emissions in the city while raising money for transit. There are 126 other ideas in the plan, however, most of which are smaller in scope and do not require approval from outside entities but have the potential to make a significant impact in the daily lives of New Yorkers. These relatively low-cost, high-impact ideas include an initiative to plant one million street trees throughout the city, a plan to get more use out of existing playing fields by installing lights for evening playtime, and Schoolyards to Playgrounds, a program allowing communities to use existing schoolyards as public play spaces when school is not in session—that is, from eight AM to dusk on non-school days and after school until dusk on school days.

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<sup>1</sup> City of New York. Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg. PlaNYC 2030: A Greater Greener New York. 29-32, April 27, 2007.

<sup>2</sup> New York City Charter Section 24.

In July 2006, Council Member Gale A. Brewer released a report showing that if opened to the public, schoolyards owned and operated by the Department of Education (DOE) could provide roughly 1,170 acres of additional recreation space for New Yorkers. She went on to propose a resolution “calling upon the New York City Department of Education to hold open for public use, outside of school hours, playgrounds and other recreational equipment located in schoolyards.”<sup>3</sup> On October 3, 2006, the City Council Committee on Education held a hearing on Council Member Brewer’s resolution.<sup>4</sup> In the end, however, because of budgetary, administrative, and legislative complications, the Council did not vote on the resolution and the DOE took no action.

Council Member Brewer’s report and resolution brought renewed attention to an issue that the city has attempted to address in various ways. In 1938, during his tenure as Parks Commissioner, Robert Moses created “Jointly Operated Playgrounds” (JOPs). Under this program, control of some schoolyards was shifted from the then Board of Education to the Parks Department and those schoolyards were open to the public when school was out of session. Today, 269 JOPs remain, but the city has not expanded the JOP program because of tensions between school administrators and parks and community advocates. Some school principals have declined to participate due to concerns about graffiti and other problems that may occur when the schoolyard is open to the public, as well as a desire to use the space for their own after-school sports programs.<sup>5</sup> Advocates have objected to the funding model used for JOPs, arguing that requiring the Parks Department to construct and operate playgrounds that are mostly used by schools creates an unfair situation in which the Parks Department budget is essentially used to subsidize the budget of the DOE.<sup>6</sup>

Public-private partnership is another model used by the city for improving the condition of, and community access to, schoolyards. In 2004, Mayor Bloomberg announced a partnership between the DOE and the Trust for Public Land (TPL) to construct 25 new playgrounds over five years at a cost of 75 million dollars, a third of which was to be paid by TPL. The hallmark of a TPL playground is community participation in both the design and stewardship of the playground.<sup>7</sup> Despite TPL’s commitment to community involvement, problems similar to those that arose out of the JOP program have occurred with TPL schoolyards. In one case, a community group closely involved with the design of a playground had to stop using the space for its after-school program. DOE regulations forbade students from leaving school property without a permission slip and there was

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<sup>3</sup> Council of the City of New York, Council Member Gale A. Brewer, *Accessible Schoolyards: A Report by the Office of Council Member Gale A. Brewer on the Public Accessibility of New York City Schoolyards*, July 15, 2006.

<sup>4</sup> Council of the City of New York, Committee on Education, Report on Hearing for Proposed Resolution No. 134-A, October 3, 2006.

<sup>5</sup> Kixmiller, J., White, A., and Fischer R., *A Schoolyard in Brooklyn: Strengthening Communities and Families Through Innovative Use of Public Space*, 6-7, June 2007.

<sup>6</sup> Davidoff, Linda, “How Tiny Parks Dept Subsidizes Board of Ed,” *New York Times*, Letter to the Editor, December 29, 1992.

<sup>7</sup> New York City Playgrounds Program, New York City, Trust for Public Land  
[http://www.tpl.org/tier3\\_cd.cfm?content\\_item\\_id=22208&folder\\_id=631](http://www.tpl.org/tier3_cd.cfm?content_item_id=22208&folder_id=631)

“confusion about who was responsible for routine cleaning and maintenance.”<sup>8</sup> Ultimately, the community sponsor “ran out of resources for the extra work necessary to use the renovated play space.”<sup>9</sup> The city’s relationship with TPL has been positive overall, however, and TPL is playing an active role in the renovation of schoolyards for the Schoolyards to Playgrounds program.

Schoolyards to Playgrounds incorporates aspects of Council Member Brewer’s call for a citywide system of open schoolyards, the JOP program, and TPL’s model of partial private funding and implementation combined with community input and stewardship. In an attempt to clear up questions about who has authority over the schoolyards, PlaNYC 2030 specifies that Schoolyards to Playgrounds allow the DOE and the School Construction Authority (SCA) to retain control of their property but also give those agencies responsibility for construction, maintenance, and security.<sup>10</sup> Schoolyards that require renovation before they can be opened as part of the program go through TPL’s participatory design process and are funded in part by TPL.

According to the PlaNYC report, the city developed the Schoolyards to Playgrounds program by first identifying 290 schoolyards in neighborhoods lacking open space. Those 290 schoolyards were then organized into three categories. Schoolyards in Category I were found to need no improvements and were scheduled to open to the public immediately as part of the program. The 150 schoolyards in Category II required new equipment and/or landscaping. The remaining 71 schoolyards were included in Category III, meaning that in addition to requiring new equipment and/or landscaping, they also require new fencing, safety improvements, and/or asphalt repair.<sup>11</sup>

The first phase of Schoolyards to Playgrounds began on July 1, 2007. At that time, all Category I schoolyards were opened to the public during non-school hours. In the second phase of the program, which began in May 2008 and will end by 2010, Category II and III schoolyards will be opened to the public. With the help of TPL, these schoolyards are being turned into “model community parks.”<sup>12</sup> For most of the schoolyards, TPL “facilitates design workshops with students and community members.”<sup>13</sup> There are twenty-four schoolyards, however, for which TPL not only spends three months working closely with stakeholders to design and construct the schoolyard but also brings a community sponsor on board to serve as a steward of the schoolyard.<sup>14</sup>

In 2007, the Office of the Public Advocate released *Twelve for 2030*, a compilation of articles by experts and advocacy groups intended to facilitate dialogue about PlaNYC

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<sup>8</sup> See 5.

<sup>9</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>10</sup> See 1, p. 32.

<sup>11</sup> *Ibid.* See Appendix A for a complete list of participating schools.

<sup>12</sup> “Schoolyards to Playgrounds,” About Parks: PlaNYC: Schoolyards to Playgrounds, New York City Department of Parks and Recreation, September 9, 2008

[http://www.nycgovparks.org/sub\\_about/planyc/playgrounds.html](http://www.nycgovparks.org/sub_about/planyc/playgrounds.html)

<sup>13</sup> “Bronx Elementary School Students Celebrate New Playground,” New York City, Trust for Public Land, October 10, 2007. [http://www.tpl.org/tier3\\_cd.cfm?content\\_item\\_id=21858&folder\\_id=631](http://www.tpl.org/tier3_cd.cfm?content_item_id=21858&folder_id=631)

<sup>14</sup> *Ibid.*

2030. New Yorkers for Parks, an independent watchdog over the city's parks, beaches, and playgrounds, cited Schoolyards to Playgrounds as a low-cost strategy to provide much needed play space but had two recommendations regarding the program: 1) Allocations for the program must include funds for both construction and ongoing maintenance. 2) Care must be taken to ensure that the maintenance and security requirements of the program do not create an undue burden on school custodial staff.<sup>15</sup>

## **METHODOLOGY**

Throughout July and August 2008, surveyors for the offices of both Council Member Gale A. Brewer and the Public Advocate visited all 69 Category I schoolyards once between 8 am and dusk on weekdays. For those schools that had summer school sessions, the schoolyard was visited after summer school hours. Of these schoolyards, four in each borough were randomly selected to be revisited once on a weekend day between 8 am and dusk. Because they are not all yet open to the public, no Category II or III schoolyards were included in this study.

When visiting a schoolyard on a weekday, surveyors filled out a survey form designed for this study. If the schoolyard was closed, it was noted and the rest of the form was disregarded. If the schoolyard was open, the surveyor completed a 40-item checklist of questions regarding the amenities available in the schoolyard and the condition of those amenities. When visiting a schoolyard on the weekend, the surveyor only made note of whether or not the schoolyard was open or closed. Survey questions are listed in Appendix B.

The findings below are based on this survey.

## **FINDINGS**

***A significant number of schoolyards are closed to the public at times when they should be open on weekdays.***

- Of the 69 schoolyards visited on weekdays between 8 am and dusk, 16 schoolyards (23 percent) were closed.<sup>16</sup>

***A significant number of schoolyards are closed to the public at times when they should be open on weekends.***

- Eight of the 20 schoolyards revisited on weekends between 8 am and dusk (40 percent) were closed.<sup>17</sup>

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<sup>15</sup> Office of the Public Advocate, *Twelve for 2030: Responses to PlaNYC*, April 2007.

<sup>16</sup> This figure includes two schoolyards that appeared to be closed due to construction in either the schoolyards or the adjoining school building.

<sup>17</sup> This figure includes four schoolyards that appeared to be closed due to construction in either the schoolyards or the adjoining school building.

***The boroughs with the greatest percentage of playgrounds closed on weekdays were Manhattan and Staten Island.***

- Four of the 12 schoolyards in Manhattan visited on weekdays (25 percent) were closed.
- Five of the 16 schoolyards in Staten Island visited on weekdays (24 percent) were closed.

Weekday Visits			
	Total	Closed	
Manhattan	12	4**	25%
Staten Island	16	5	24%
Bronx	11	3	21%
Brooklyn	22	3*	12%
Queens	8	1	11%
*Includes 1 school closed for construction			
**Includes 2 schools closed for construction			

***A significant number of schoolyards lack playground equipment.***

- 6 of the 53 schoolyards (11 percent) that were open when visited on weekdays had no equipment other than backboards for basketball. One additional schoolyard did not even have a basketball backboard. These 7 schoolyards had nothing for children to climb, no swings, and no grass for passive recreation.
- 35 of the 53 (34 percent) open schoolyards had no climbing equipment for children.
- 48 of the 53 (91 percent) open schoolyards had no swings.
- 24 of the 53 (45 percent) open schoolyards had no trees to provide shade.
- 25 of the 53 (47 percent) open schoolyards had no benches for passive recreation.
- 50 of the 53 (94 percent) open schoolyards had no DOE employee on site.

***The majority of open schoolyards were in good overall condition.***

- 43 of the 53 (81 percent) open schoolyards had no trash on the ground.
- 52 of the 53 (98 percent) open schoolyards had no broken glass on the ground.
- 45 of the 53 (85 percent) open schoolyards had no graffiti.

- 35 of the 35 (100 percent) open schoolyards with climbing equipment had equipment that was properly maintained.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

***Work with schools participating in the Schoolyards to Playgrounds program to ensure schoolyards are accessible for community use.***

The city should identify schools that:

- lack the staff to open and close the schoolyard at the appropriate times every day of the week;
- are keeping the schoolyards locked up due to concerns about safety and vandalism;
- are not aware of the requirements of being a participant in the Schoolyards to Playgrounds program.

Addressing the needs and concerns of these schools would go a long way towards achieving the central goal of the program, which is to make schoolyards accessible for community use.

***Re-categorize some schoolyards initially designated as needing no improvements.***

According to PlaNYC 2030, all schoolyards participating in this program were chosen, in part, because of their location in neighborhoods that lack open space. However, the city should not use inadequate or inappropriate spaces to meet the goal set in PlaNYC.

In neighborhoods with few or no alternatives, an empty lot with a fence around it cannot provide the recreational or green space necessary to reduce childhood obesity and asthma. Children who lead a sedentary lifestyle may need more than a basketball backboard to encourage physical activity. Parents may be unwilling to bring young children to a playground that offers no shade or place for them to sit while their children play. Spaces with no amenities will fail to become successful community gathering places where residents of all ages feel safe.

Schoolyards that have no equipment in them at all or have only basketball backboards should be counted as Category II and III schoolyards and receive capital improvements.

***Partner with community groups to provide alternative programming for schoolyards that lack playground equipment.***

Those schoolyards for which it would be impractical, for logistical or budgetary reasons, to add playground equipment suitable for young children should be matched, like many of the Category II and III schoolyards in the program, with a community group that can serve as a steward. Many of the schoolyards surveyed had markings on the ground for tennis, basketball, or baseball. Having staff on site to dispense nets, racquets, bats, and balls would foster constructive play and help keep it safe for children of all ages. The

Trust for Public Land's method of appointing a community group to act as a steward of a local schoolyard is one way to ensure that staff is on site when school is not session. If a school cannot provide staff during non-school hours, school administrators, the DOE, and the community sponsor should reach an agreement clearly stipulating which party has authority over the playground and which is responsible for routine maintenance at specified times.

## Appendix A

### Schoolyards selected by the City for participation in Schoolyards to Playgrounds<sup>1</sup>

BOROUGH	SCHOOL NAME	ADDRESS	CAT
<i>Bronx</i>	<i>P.S. 246 (POE CENTER) - BRONX</i>	<i>2641 GRAND CONCOURSE</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Bronx</i>	<i>I.S. 254 - BRONX</i>	<i>2452 WASHINGTON AVE</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Bronx</i>	<i>P.S. 3 - BRONX</i>	<i>2100 LAFONTAINE AVE</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Bronx</i>	<i>P.S. 211 - BRONX</i>	<i>1919 PROSPECT AVE</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Bronx</i>	<i>I.S. 206B - BRONX</i>	<i>2280 AQUEDUCT AVE</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Bronx</i>	<i>P.S. 15 - BRONX</i>	<i>2195 ANDREWS AVE</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Bronx</i>	<i>P.S. 306 - BRONX</i>	<i>40 WEST TREMONT AVE</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Bronx</i>	<i>I.S. 391 (UDC) - BRONX</i>	<i>2225 WEBSTER AVE</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Bronx</i>	<i>P.S. 279 - BRONX</i>	<i>2100 WALTON AVE</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Bronx</i>	<i>P.S. 340 - BRONX</i>	<i>25 WEST 195TH STREET</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Bronx</i>	<i>P.S./I.S. 194 - BRONX</i>	<i>2365 WATERBURY AVE</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Brooklyn</i>	<i>P.S. 164 - BROOKLYN</i>	<i>4211 14TH AVE</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Brooklyn</i>	<i>IS 392- BROOKLYN</i>	<i>104 SUTTER AVE</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Brooklyn</i>	<i>P.S. 115 - BROOKLYN</i>	<i>1500 EAST 92ND ST</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Brooklyn</i>	<i>P.S. 93 - BROOKLYN</i>	<i>31 NEW YORK AVE</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Brooklyn</i>	<i>P.S. 21 - BROOKLYN</i>	<i>180 CHAUNCEY STREET</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Brooklyn</i>	<i>P.S. 335 - BROOKLYN</i>	<i>130 ROCHESTER AVE</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Brooklyn</i>	<i>P.S. 208 - BROOKLYN</i>	<i>4801 AVE D</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Brooklyn</i>	<i>P.S. 190 - BROOKLYN</i>	<i>590 SHEFFIELD AVE</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Brooklyn</i>	<i>P.S. 328 - BROOKLYN</i>	<i>330 ALABAMA AVE</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Brooklyn</i>	<i>P.S. 6 - BROOKLYN</i>	<i>43 SNYDER AVE</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Brooklyn</i>	<i>EXPLORE CHART SCHL (OL K109)-K</i>	<i>15 SNYDER AVE</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Brooklyn</i>	<i>P.S. 139 - BROOKLYN</i>	<i>330 RUGBY ROAD</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Brooklyn</i>	<i>P.S. 31 (OLD 126) - BROOKLYN</i>	<i>75 MESEROLE AVE</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Brooklyn</i>	<i>P.S. 34 - BROOKLYN</i>	<i>131 NORMAN AVE</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Brooklyn</i>	<i>P.S. 110 - BROOKLYN</i>	<i>124 MONITOR STREET</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Brooklyn</i>	<i>PS 321 WILLIAM PENN</i>	<i>180 7TH AVENUE</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Brooklyn</i>	<i>I.S. 232 - BROOKLYN</i>	<i>905 WINTHROP STREET</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Brooklyn</i>	<i>I.S. 285 - BROOKLYN</i>	<i>5905 BEVERLY ROAD</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Brooklyn</i>	<i>P.S. 268 - BROOKLYN</i>	<i>133 EAST 53 STREET</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Brooklyn</i>	<i>P.S. 69 - BROOKLYN</i>	<i>6302 9TH AVE</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Brooklyn</i>	<i>P.S. 172 - BROOKLYN</i>	<i>825 4TH AVE</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Brooklyn</i>	<i>P.S. 24 - BROOKLYN</i>	<i>427 38TH STREET</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Manhattan</i>	<i>P.S./I.S. 89 - MANHATTAN</i>	<i>201 WARREN STREET</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Manhattan</i>	<i>P.S. 241 - MANHATTAN</i>	<i>240 WEST 113 STREET</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Manhattan</i>	<i>P.S. 208 (TANDEM M185) - M</i>	<i>21 WEST 111TH STREET</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Manhattan</i>	<i>P.S. 185 (TANDEM M208) - M</i>	<i>20 WEST 112 STREET</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Manhattan</i>	<i>P.S./I.S. 176 - MANHATTAN</i>	<i>4862 BROADWAY</i>	<i>1</i>

<sup>1</sup> Schools visited as part of this survey are italicized.

Manhattan	P.S. 18 - MANHATTAN	4124 9TH AVE	1
Manhattan	P.S. 5 - MANHATTAN	3703 TENTH AVE	1
Manhattan	P.S. 152 - MANHATTAN	93 NAGLE AVE	1
Manhattan	P.S. 48 - MANHATTAN	4360-78 BROADWAY	1
Manhattan	P.S./I.S. 187 - MANHATTAN	349 CABRINI BLVD	1
Manhattan	P.S. 132 - MANHATTAN	185 WADSWORTH AVE	1
Manhattan	I.S. 90 - MANHATTAN	21 JUMEL PLACE	1
Queens	P.S. 223 - QUEENS	125-20 SUTPHIN BLVD	1
Queens	P.S. 228 (ECC) - QUEENS	93-01 NORTHERN BLVD	1
Queens	PS 101 SCHOOL IN THE GARDEN	2 RUSSELL PLACE	1
Queens	P.S. 58 - QUEENS	72-24 GRAND AVE	1
Queens	I.S. 73 - QUEENS	70-02 54 AVE	1
Queens	P.S. 254 - QUEENS	84-40 101ST STREET	1
Queens	P.S. 161 - QUEENS	101-33 124TH STREET	1
Queens	P.S. 60 - QUEENS	91-02 88 AVE	1
Staten Island	PS 036 J C DRUMGOOLE	255 IONIA AVENUE	1
Staten Island	I.S. 75 - STATEN ISLAND	455 HUGUENOT AVE	1
Staten Island	P.S. 1 - STATEN ISLAND	58 SUMMIT STREET	1
Staten Island	P.S. 6 - STATEN ISLAND	555 PAGE AVE	1
Staten Island	P.S. 32 - STATEN ISLAND	32 ELVERTON AVE	1
Staten Island	P.S. 37 ( OLD I24X)-STATEN ISLAND	15 FAIRFIELD STREET	1
Staten Island	P.S. 44 - STATEN ISLAND	80 MAPLE PARKWAY	1
Staten Island	P.S. 22 - STATEN ISLAND	1860 FOREST AVE	1
Staten Island	P.S. 60 - STATEN ISLAND	55 MERRILL AVE	1
Staten Island	P.S. 26 - STATEN ISLAND	4108 VICTORY BLVD	1
Staten Island	P.S. 54 - STATEN ISLAND	1060 WILLOWBROOK RD	1
Staten Island	P.S. 11 - STATEN ISLAND	50 JEFFERSON STREET	1
Staten Island	P.S. 56 - STATEN ISLAND	250 KRAMER AVE.	1
Staten Island	P.S. 58 - STATEN ISLAND	77 MARSH AVE	1
Staten Island	P.S. 69 - STATEN ISLAND	144 KEATING PLACE	1
Staten Island	P.S. 29 - STATEN ISLAND	1581 VICTORY BLVD	1
Bronx	P.S. 51 - BRONX	3200 JEROME AVE	2
Bronx	P.S. 8 - BRONX	3010 BRIGGS AVE	2
Bronx	P.S. 205A (ECF) - BRONX	2475 SOUTHERN BLVD	2
Bronx	P.S. 156 - BRONX	750 CONCOURSE VILLAGE WE	2

Bronx	P.S. 53 - BRONX	360 EAST 168 STREET	2
Bronx	I.S. 151 - BRONX	250 EAST 156 STREET	2
Bronx	P.S. 209 - BRONX	313 EAST 183RD STREET	2
Bronx	P.S. 33 - BRONX	2424 JEROME AVE	2
Bronx	P.S. 85 - BRONX	2400 MARION AVE	2
Bronx	I.S. 201 - BRONX	730 BRYANT AVE	2
Bronx	P.S. 310 - BRONX	260 WEST KINGSBRIDGE RD	2
Bronx	P.S. 91 - BRONX	2200 AQUEDUCT AVE	2
Bronx	I.S. 232 - BRONX	1700 MACOMBS ROAD	2
Bronx	P.S. 105 - BRONX	725 BRADY AVE	2
Bronx	P.S. 108 - BRONX	1166 NEIL AVE	2
Bronx	I.S. 192 - BRONX	650 HOLLYWOOD AVE	2
Bronx	P.S. 14 - BRONX	3041 BRUCKNER BLVD	2
Bronx	P.S. 72 - BRONX	2951 DEWEY AVE	2
Bronx	P.S. 152 - BRONX	1007 EVERGREEN AVE	2
Bronx	P.S. 138 - BRONX	2060 LAFAYETTE AVE	2
Bronx	P.S. 7 - BRONX	3201 KINGSBRIDGE AVE	2
Bronx	P.S. 95 - BRONX	3961 HILLMAN AVE	2
Bronx	P.S. 86 - BRONX	2756 RESERVOIR AVE	2
Bronx	I.S. 143 - BRONX	120 WEST 231 STREET	2
Bronx	P.S. 64 - BRONX	1425 WALTON AVE	2
Bronx	P.S./I.S. 218 - BRONX	1220 GERARD AVE	2
Bronx	P.S. 114 - BRONX	1155 CROMWELL AVE	2
Bronx	P.S. 47 - BRONX	1794 EAST 172 STREET	2
Bronx	P.S. 103 - BRONX	4125 CARPENTER AVE	2
Bronx	P.S. 68 - BRONX	4011 MONTICELLO AVE	2
Brooklyn	P.S. 163 - BROOKLYN	1664 BENSON AVE	2
Brooklyn	P.S. 104 - BROOKLYN	9115 5TH AVE	2
Brooklyn	P.S. 185 - BROOKLYN	8601 RIDGE BLVD	2
Brooklyn	P.S. 170 - BROOKLYN	7109 6TH AVE	2
Brooklyn	I.S. 96 - BROOKLYN	99 AVE P	2
Brooklyn	P.S. 101 - BROOKLYN	2360 BENSON AVE	2
Brooklyn	I.S. 228 - BROOKLYN	228 AVE S	2
Brooklyn	P.S. 97 - BROOKLYN	1855 STILLWELL AVE	2
Brooklyn	P.S. 112 - BROOKLYN	7115 15 AVE	2
Brooklyn	P.S. 247 - BROOKLYN	7000 21 AVE	2
Brooklyn	P.S. 205 - BROOKLYN	6701 20 AVE	2
Brooklyn	I.S. 227 - BROOKLYN	6500 16 AVE	2
Brooklyn	P.S. 48 - BROOKLYN	6015 18 AVE	2
Brooklyn	P.S. 226 - BROOKLYN	6006 23 AVE	2
Brooklyn	P.S. 180 - BROOKLYN	5601 16TH AVE	2
Brooklyn	P.S. 160 - BROOKLYN	5105 FT. HAMILTON PKWY	2
Brooklyn	P.S. 131 - BROOKLYN	4305 FT HAMILTON PKWY	2
Brooklyn	I.S. 223 - BROOKLYN	4200 16 AVE	2
Brooklyn	P.S. 105 - BROOKLYN	1031 59 STREET	2

Brooklyn	P.S. 209 - BROOKLYN	2609 EAST 7TH ST	2
Brooklyn	PS 299 THOMAS WARREN FIELD	88 WOODBINE STREET	2
Brooklyn	P.S. 376A - BROOKLYN	194 HARMAN STREET	2
Brooklyn	P.S. 66 - BROOKLYN	845 EAST 96TH STREET	2
Brooklyn	I.S. 394 - BROOKLYN	188 ROCHESTER AVE	2
Brooklyn	P.S. 243 - BROOKLYN	1580 DEAN STREET	2
Brooklyn	P.S. 221 - BROOKLYN	791 EMPIRE BLVD	2
Brooklyn	PS 375 - BROOKLYN	46 MCKEEVER PLACE	2
Brooklyn	P.S. 161 - BROOKLYN	330 CROWN STREET	2
Brooklyn	P.S. 7 - BROOKLYN	858 JAMAICA AVE	2
Brooklyn	I S 187	1171 65 STREET	2
Brooklyn	P.S. 135 - BROOKLYN	684 LINDEN BLVD	2
Brooklyn	P.S. 235 - BROOKLYN	525 LENOX ROAD	2
Brooklyn	P.S. 181 - BROOKLYN	1023 NEW YORK AVE	2
Brooklyn	I.S. 246 - BROOKLYN	72 VERONICA PLACE	2
Brooklyn	P.S. 399 - BROOKLYN	2707 ALBERMARLE ROAD	2
Brooklyn	P.S. 152 - BROOKLYN	725 EAST 23RD STREET	2
Brooklyn	P.S. 249 - BROOKLYN	18 MARLBOROUGH ROAD	2
Brooklyn	P.S. 203 - BROOKLYN	5101 AVE M	2
Brooklyn	P.S. 119 - BROOKLYN	3829 AVE K	2
Brooklyn	P.S. 326 - BROOKLYN	1800 UTICA AVE	2
Brooklyn	PS 095 THE GRAVESEND	345 VAN SICKLEN STREET	2
Brooklyn	P.S. 215 - BROOKLYN	415 AVE S	2
Brooklyn	P.S. 153 - BROOKLYN	1970 HOMECREST AVE	2
Brooklyn	P.S. 238 - BROOKLYN	1633 EAST 8 STREET	2
Brooklyn	I.S. 62 - BROOKLYN	700 CORTELYOU ROAD	2
Brooklyn	P.S. 236 - BROOKLYN	6302 AVE U	2
Brooklyn	P.S. 207 - BROOKLYN	4011 FILLMORE AVE	2
Brooklyn	P.S. 222 - BROOKLYN	3301 QUENTIN ROAD	2
Brooklyn	P.S. 193 - BROOKLYN	2515 AVE L	2
Brooklyn	I.S. 234 - BROOKLYN	1875 E 17 STREET	2
Brooklyn	P.S. 197 - BROOKLYN	1599 EAST 22 STREET	2
Brooklyn	P.S. 199 - BROOKLYN	1100 ELM AVE	2
Brooklyn	P.S. 99 - BROOKLYN	1120 EAST 10 STREET	2
Brooklyn	I.S. 391 - BROOKLYN	790 EAST NEW YORK AVE	2
Brooklyn	I.S. 2 - BROOKLYN	655 PARKSIDE AVE	2
Brooklyn	P.S. 233 - BROOKLYN	9301 AVE B	2
Brooklyn	P.S. 244 - BROOKLYN	5404 TILDEN AVE	2
Brooklyn	I.S. 252 - BROOKLYN	1084 LENOX ROAD	2
Brooklyn	PS 254 DAG HAMMARSKJOLD	1801 AVENUE Y	2
Manhattan	PS 076 A. PHILIP RANDOLPH	220 WEST 121 STREET	2
Manhattan	JHS 167 ROBERT F WAGNER	220 EAST 76 STREET	2
Manhattan	PS 098 SHORAC KAPPOCK	512 WEST 212 STREET	2
Manhattan	I.S. 218 - MANHATTAN	4600 BROADWAY	2
Manhattan	P.S. 173 - MANHATTAN	306 FORT WASHINGTON AVE	2

Queens	I.S. 126 - QUEENS	31-51 21 STREET	2
Queens	P.S. 177 - QUEENS	56-37 188 STREET	2
Queens	J.H.S. 25 - QUEENS	34-65 192 STREET	2
Queens	PS 159	205-01 33 AVENUE	2
Queens	PS 114 BELLE HARBOR	134-01 CRONSTON AVE	2
Queens	P.S. 117 - QUEENS	85-15 143RD STREET	2
Queens	I.S. 61 - QUEENS	98-50 50 AVE	2
Queens	P.S. 98 - QUEENS	40-20 235 STREET	2
Queens	I.S. 227 - QUEENS	32-02 JUNCTION BLVD	2
Queens	P.S. 107 - QUEENS	167-02 45 AVE	2
Queens	P.S. 89 - QUEENS	85-28 BRITTON AVE	2
Queens	P.S. 721 (OTC) - QUEENS	57-12 94TH STREET	2
Queens	I.S. 5 - QUEENS	50-40 JACOBS STREET	2
Queens	P.S. 113 - QUEENS	87-21 79 AVE	2
Queens	P.S. 91 - QUEENS	68-10 CENTRAL AVE	2
Queens	PS 106	180 BEACH 35 STREET	2
Queens	P.S. 150 - QUEENS	40-01 43 AVE	2
Queens	P.S. 199 - QUEENS	39-20 48 AVE	2
Queens	P.S. 69 - QUEENS	77-02 37 AVE	2
Queens	I.S. 230 - QUEENS	73-10 34TH AVE	2
Queens	I.S. 145 - QUEENS	33-34 80 STREET	2
Queens	P.S. 268 - QUEENS	92-07 175th STREET	2
Queens	P.S. 270 - QUEENS	233-15 MERRICK BLVD	2
Queens	P.S. 146 - QUEENS	98-01 159 AVE	2
Queens	P.S. 128 - QUEENS	69-26 65 DRIVE	2
Queens	J.H.S. 185 - QUEENS	147-26 25 DRIVE	2
Queens	P.S. 92 - QUEENS	99-01 34TH AVE	2
Queens	P.S. 19 - QUEENS	98-02 ROOSEVELT AVE.	2
Queens	P.S. 16 (OLD Q721 SPED) - QUEENS	41-15 104 STREET	2
Queens	M.S. 137 - QUEENS	109-15 98TH STREET	2
Queens	ACADEMY FOR NEW AMERICANS	28-04 41ST AVENUE	2
Queens	P.S. 62 - QUEENS	97-25 108 STREET	2
Queens	P.S. 51 (ECC) - QUEENS	87-45 117TH STREET	2
Queens	P.S. 90 - QUEENS	86-50 109 STREET	2
Queens	P.S. 66 - QUEENS	85-11 102 STREET	2
Queens	I.S. 77 - QUEENS	976 SENECA AVE	2
Queens	P.S. 239 - QUEENS	17-15 WEIRFIELD STREET	2
Queens	P.S. 124 - QUEENS	129-15 150 AVE	2
Queens	P.S. 121 - QUEENS	126-10 109 AVE	2
Queens	P.S. 100 - QUEENS	111-11 118 STREET	2
Queens	P.S. 108 - QUEENS	108-10 109 AVE	2
Queens	PS 122 MAMIE FAY	21-21 DITMARS BLVD	2
Queens	PS 079 FRANCIS LEWIS	147-27 15 DRIVE	2
Queens	PS 129 PATRICIA LARKIN	128-02 7TH AVENUE	2
Queens	P.S. 152 - QUEENS	33-52 62 STREET	2

Staten Island	PS 003 THE MARGARET GIOIOSA SCHOOL	80 GOFF AVENUE	2
Staten Island	PS 042 ELTINGVILLE	380 GENESEE AVENUE	2
Staten Island	P.S. 4 - STATEN ISLAND	200 NEDRA LANE	2
Staten Island	I.S. 34 (OLD TOTTEVILLE)-S.I	528 ACADEMY STREET	2
Staten Island	I.S. 24 - STATEN ISLAND	225 CLEVELAND AVE	2
Staten Island	PS 21 MARGARET EMERY-ELM PARK	168 HOOKER PLACE	2
Staten Island	I S 061 WILLIAM A MORRIS	445 CASTLETON AVENUE	2
Staten Island	PS 041 NEW DORP	216 CLAWSON STREET	2
Staten Island	PS 023 RICHMONDTOWN	30 NATICK STREET	2
Staten Island	I.S. 72 - STATEN ISLAND	33 FERNDAL AVE	2
Staten Island	P.S. 30 - STATEN ISLAND	200 WARDWELL AVE	2
Bronx	PS 076 THE BENNINGTON SCHOOL	900 ADEE AVENUE	3
Bronx	PS 097 BRONX	1375 MACE AVENUE	3
Bronx	I.S. 45 - BRONX	2502 LORILLARD PLACE	3
Bronx	I.S. 135 - BRONX	2441 WALLACE AVE	3
Bronx	P.S. 111 - BRONX	3740 BAYCHESTER AVE	3
Bronx	PS 078 ANNE HUTCHINSON	1400 NEEDHAM AVENUE	3
Bronx	P.S. 315 - BRONX	2246 JEROME AVE	3
Bronx	P.S. 230/I.S. 229 (UDC) - X	275 HARLEM RIVER PARK BR	3
Bronx	I.S. 123 - BRONX	1025 MORRISON AVE	3
Bronx	I.S. 174 - BRONX	456 WHITE PLAINS ROAD	3
Bronx	P.S. 195 - BRONX	1250 WARD AVE	3
Bronx	JAMES MONROE CAMPUS - X	1300 BOYNTON AVE	3
Bronx	P.S. 36 - BRONX	1070 CASTLE HILL AVE	3
Bronx	P.S. 19 - BRONX	4318 KATONAH AVE	3
Bronx	P.S. 87 - BRONX	1935 BUSSING AVE	3
Brooklyn	P.S. 229 - BROOKLYN	1400 BENSON AVE	3
Brooklyn	P.S. 102 - BROOKLYN	211 72 STREET	3
Brooklyn	P.S. 186 - BROOKLYN	7601 19 AVE	3
Brooklyn	P.S. 204 - BROOKLYN	8101 15 AVE	3
Brooklyn	P.S. 192 - BROOKLYN	4715 18 AVE	3
Brooklyn	P.S. 121 - BROOKLYN	5301 20TH AVE	3
Brooklyn	P.S. 253 - BROOKLYN	601 OCEAN VIEW AVE	3
Brooklyn	PS 183 DANIEL CHAPPIE JAMES	76 RIVERDALE AVENUE	3
Brooklyn	P.S. 384 - BROOKLYN	242 COOPER STREET	3
Brooklyn	I.S. 291 - BROOKLYN	231 PALMETTO STREET	3
Brooklyn	I.S. 383 - BROOKLYN	1300 GREENE AVE	3
Brooklyn	P.S. 123 - BROOKLYN	100 IRVING AVE	3

Brooklyn	PS 167 THE PARKWAY	1025 EASTERN PKWY	3
Brooklyn	PS 176 OVINGTON	1225 69 STREET	3
Brooklyn	P.S. 361 (OLD 89) - BROOKLYN	3109 NEWKIRK AVE	3
Brooklyn	P.S. 198 - BROOKLYN	4105 FARRAGUT ROAD	3
Brooklyn	P.S. 217 - BROOKLYN	1100 NEWKIRK AVE	3
Brooklyn	P.S. 134 - BROOKLYN	4001 18 AVE	3
Brooklyn	P.S. 398 (UDC) - BROOKLYN	60 EAST 94 STREET	3
Brooklyn	I.S. 220 - BROOKLYN	4812 9 AVE	3
Brooklyn	P.S. 169 - BROOKLYN	4305 7TH AVE	3
Brooklyn	P.S. 94 - BROOKLYN	5010 6TH AVE	3
Brooklyn	IS 303 HERBERT S. EISENBERG	501 WEST AVENUE	3
Manhattan	PS 059 BEEKMAN HILL INTL	228 EAST 57 STREET	3
Manhattan	P.S. 128 - MANHATTAN	560 WEST 169 STREET	3
Manhattan	I.S. 164 - MANHATTAN	401 WEST 164 STREET	3
Manhattan	PS 041 GREENWICH VILLAGE	116 WEST 11 STREET	3
Queens	P.S. 151 - QUEENS	50-05 31 AVE	3
Queens	P.S. 45 - QUEENS	126-28 150 STREET	3
Queens	PS 123	145-01 119 AVENUE	3
Queens	P.S. 86 - QUEENS	87-41 PARSONS BLVD	3
Queens	P.S. 131 - QUEENS	170-45 84TH AVE	3
Queens	P.S. 14 - QUEENS	107-01 OTIS AVE	3
Queens	P.S. 24 - QUEENS	141-11 HOLLY AVE	3
Queens	P.S. 35 - QUEENS	191-02 90TH AVE	3
Queens	P.S. 118 - QUEENS	190-20 109 ROAD	3
Queens	I.S. 238 - QUEENS	88-15 182 STREET	3
Queens	P.S. 50 - QUEENS	143-26 101 AVE	3
Queens	P.S. 156 - QUEENS	229-02 137 AVE	3
Queens	P.S. 132 - QUEENS	132-15 218 STREET	3
Queens	P.S. 33 - QUEENS	91-37 222 STREET	3
Queens	I.S. 109 - QUEENS	213-10 92 AVE	3
Queens	P.S. 138 - QUEENS	251-11 WELLER AVE	3
Queens	P.S. 38 - QUEENS	135-21 241 STREET	3
Queens	P.S. 116 - QUEENS	107-25 WREN PLACE	3
Queens	PS 160 WALTER FRANCIS BISHOP	109-59 INWOOD STREET	3
Queens	P.S. 155 - QUEENS	130-02 115 AVE	3
Queens	P.S. 96 - QUEENS	130-01 ROCKAWAY BLVD	3
Queens	I.S. 226 - QUEENS	121-10 ROCKAWAY BLVD	3
Queens	P.S. 52 - QUEENS	178-37 146 TERRACE	3
Queens	P.S. 36 - QUEENS	187-01 FOCH BLVD	3
Queens	P.S. 37 - QUEENS	179-37 137 AVE	3
Queens	I.S. 59 - QUEENS	132-55 RIDGEDALE STREET	3
Queens	PS 136 ROY WILKINS	201-15 115 AVENUE	3
Queens	I.S. 210 - QUEENS	93-11 101 AVE	3
Staten Island	P.S. 57 - STATEN ISLAND	140 PALMA DRIVE	3

## Appendix B

### Schoolyard Survey

#### **PLAYGROUND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

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#### **Signage**

Playground hours posted		
Playground rules posted		
Sign containing number for reporting accidents or hazardous conditions posted		

#### **Facilities**

Access provided to bathrooms		
Access provided to drinking fountains		

#### **Accessibility**

Paths wheelchair accessible		
Ground level activities accessible		
Surfaces to swings accessible		

#### **Litter**

Trash on ground		
Broken glass		
Graffiti		
Weeds		
Large amount of natural debris		
Bird or animal feces on structural features		
Health hazard:		
Condoms		
Syringes		
Dead animals		

#### **Play equipment**

Missing pieces		
Poorly maintained		

#### **Safety surfacing**

Safety surfacing present		
Poorly maintained		

**Paved surfaces**

*including drains, utility covers, stairs, retaining walls, pavement*

Poorly maintained		
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**Benches**

*including benches, bleachers, and picnic tables*

Poorly maintained		
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**Sidewalks**

*including curbs, drains, utility covers*

Poorly maintained		
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**Fences**

Poorly maintained		
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**Trees (if any)**

Poorly maintained		
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**Lawns (if any)**

Poorly maintained		
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**Athletic fields (if any)**

Poorly maintained		
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**Ornamental planted areas (if any)**

Poorly maintained		
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**Amenities Checklist**

	Amount	
Climbing structures		
Swings		
Handball court		
Basketball court		
Athletic field		
Trees		
Benches		
Bathrooms		
Drinking fountains		
DPR or DOE employee on site		