

**Proposed Zone Changes Impacting P.S. 31, P.S. 41, P.S. 159, P.S. 162, and P.S. 203 in District 26**  
**Beginning in the 2017-2018 School Year**

The New York City Department of Education (DOE) and the District 26 Community Education Council (CEC) have identified a need to change the current zones for P.S. 31, P.S. 41, P.S. 159, P.S. 162, and P.S. 203.

***Why is the DOE proposing to make these zone changes?***

- To create a zone for new building Q332 at 210-07 48<sup>th</sup> Avenue
- To help reduce overcrowding at nearby elementary schools

***When would this zoning change be implemented?***

- The proposed zone changes would take effect for the 2017-2018 school year

***What changes might District 26 families expect as a result of this proposed re-zoning?***

- Some residents in the southern portion of the P.S. 159 zone may now be zoned for P.S. 31, and some residents of the eastern portion of P.S. 159's zone may now be zoned for P.S. 41.
- Some residents in the southern portion of the P.S. 31 zone may now be zoned for P.S. 162 or the new school at Building Q332.
- Some residents in the eastern portion of P.S. 162's zone may now be zoned to the new school at Building Q332.
- Some residents in the western portion of P.S. 41's zone may now be zoned to P.S. 159.
- Some residents in the northern portion of P.S. 203's zone may now be zoned to P.S. 41, and some students in the southwest portion of the zone may now be zoned to the new school at building Q332.
- The map on the back shows the proposed zone line changes.

***Who does this rezoning proposal impact?***

- Incoming Pre-K and kindergarten students or students that are new to NYC schools in 2017-2018.
- All students currently enrolled at P.S. 31, P.S. 41, P.S. 159, P.S. 162, and P.S. 203 may remain in their school.
- Sibling grandfathering can be applicable for Pre-K and kindergarten. If approved by the CEC, incoming students who live where a zone is changing can retain their zoned sibling priority when applying for kindergarten or Pre-K.

***How will this rezoning change student enrollment and space at P.S. 31, P.S. 41, P.S. 159, P.S. 162, and P.S. 203?***

- P.S. 31's total enrollment is not expected to change.
- P.S. 41's total enrollment is expected to decrease from approximately 521 students to 330-360 students. This will decrease the building utilization from approximately 177% to 112%-122%.
- P.S. 159's total enrollment is not expected to change.
- P.S. 162's total enrollment is expected to decrease from approximately 688 students to 635-665 students. This will decrease the building utilization from approximately 163% to 150%-157%.
- P.S. 203's total enrollment is expected to decrease from approximately 924 students to 740-770 students. This will decrease the building utilization from approximately 152% to 122%-126%.

***How will this re-zoning decision be made?***

- The DOE proposed zoning changes to the District 26 CEC at a public meeting on April 20, 2016.
- The CEC collects community feedback.
- The CEC is responsible for approving zoning changes. CEC 26 anticipates voting on this proposal sometime in May 2016.

**Where can I get more information?**

- The presentation materials that were shared during the April 20<sup>th</sup> meeting can be found on the DOE Web site: <http://schools.nyc.gov/community/planning/changes/queens/districtplanning.htm>

**Whom can I contact with questions or comments about the proposal?**

- Community Superintendent, Danielle Giunta: (718) 631-6960 or [Superintendent@District26.org](mailto:Superintendent@District26.org)
- CEC 26: [CEC26@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:CEC26@schools.nyc.gov)
- Office of District Planning: [QueensZoning@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:QueensZoning@schools.nyc.gov)

**Where can I go for more information on zoning and admissions?**

- The Office of Student Enrollment website: <http://schools.nyc.gov/ChoicesEnrollment/Elementary/default.htm>

**Proposed Zones (2017-2018):**

The blue area represents the current zone for P.S. 159, the yellow area represents the current zone for P.S. 41, the green area represents the current zone for P.S. 31, the pink area represents the current zone for P.S. 162, and the purple area represents the current zone for P.S. 203. The black outline represents the proposed zone boundaries. All zone lines run down the center of the street unless otherwise specified. If this proposal is approved, starting in 2017-2018, a family's zone is determined by the shape outlined in black:

