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PS 8 / PS 307 REZONING

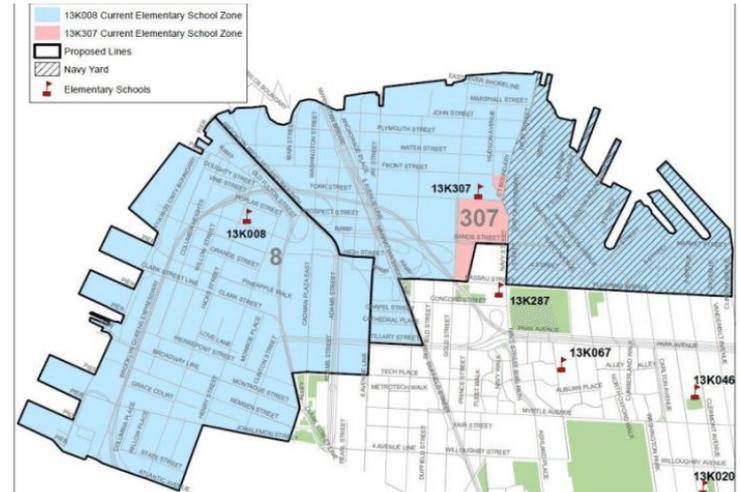
- Projected Zone Demographic Changes

OVERVIEW

Over the years, the community of the Farragut houses have been depicted as a very underdeveloped neighborhood due to news reports and incidents within the apartment complexes. Throughout these headlines in newspapers, there has been little that's has explained the current status of the children that have to thrive in such an environment. The people of Farragut houses/Vinegar Hill have made attempts at improving the conditions of the education of the youth as a means to better the possibilities of them avoiding becoming another statistic of the area. Attempts include recreation centers, school rezoning, and parks being built around the apartment buildings. Although some people had their opinions on the rezoning in particular in regards to the children of the community, in the end, they have come around to the idea from seeing the positive results that it has produced.

Zone Percent Minority¹

School Name	Current	Projected
P.S. 8	34%	25%-35%
P.S. 307	95%	55%-65%



PS 8 / PS 307 REZONING

REZONING

- The faculty and students of PS 8 was scheduled to be relocated to PS 307 but only a Certain percentage of the students from the former would be admitted into the latter as a percentage of the student population in the following year. The people of PS 8 tried to push for a larger part of their student body to be allowed into PS 307 than previously agreed upon. The parents that had resisted the idea of the rezoning didn't get on board with the idea because of fears that their kids will have their chance of admission taken by a kid that isn't from the neighborhood. Others were apprehensive because the children entering were white rich kids which seems to be a threat to the school.
- Before the DOE went through with the rezoning, they help a forum with the people from both schools so as to clarify any doubts or concerns about the plan. There were parents who were supporting the decision and wished to deal with any issues if they were to arise in the future. The other side of the coin were parents who are worried that the sudden change in demographic within the school will cause an adverse reaction if it isn't properly situated before anything is done.

AFTER SCHOOL EDUCATION / COMMUNITY CENTER

After School Educational programs are known to improve children's social interactions and is a good way to get some physical activity. Some even provide educational guidance for the students , which helps improve their overall grades in their classes. For a place like Farragut Houses, programs such as the Brooklyn Cornerstone Services, provides kids in the area with Academic Support and Tutoring, Sports and Recreation, Dance/Basketball, Mentoring, Comprehensive Summer Day Camp and Holiday and After School Care. To me this program could only improve the overall education for the people that are participating in the program. Farragut Houses playgrounds are usually empty after school, so the question is, where do the children go and what do they do when they leave school at the end of the day?

If kids do not have access to afterschool programs, it might have a negative effect on their ability to complete their homework and understand what they learned in class. In some households, parents come home to late to be able to help their kids to understand it. The responsibility of helping their kids understand their work now falls on the hands of the teacher and the student. With after school programs, their child will get the help from not just their school, but tutoring services provided through the program. And with recreational sports, they are able to have fun while benefiting from the academic support in their studies.

EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES - LIBRARY

- First, Education's effect on people's life and career.
- Effect of educational level on salary.

	Total	Male	Deviation from Total	Female	Deviation from Total	Gender Gap
Less than High School Graduate	\$18,432	\$21,629	\$3,197	\$13,943	(\$4,489)	\$7,686
High School Graduate (incl. equivalency)	\$26,140	\$31,237	\$5,097	\$20,861	(\$5,279)	\$10,376
Some College or Associate's Degree	\$31,906	\$39,125	\$7,219	\$26,937	(\$4,969)	\$12,188
Bachelor's Degree	\$47,510	\$57,714	\$10,204	\$39,263	(\$8,247)	\$18,451
Graduate or Professional Degree	\$62,313	\$78,582	\$16,269	\$52,150	(\$10,163)	\$26,432

- To have good education - Good school Environment
 - Motivation for student
 - Educational Facilities



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Population 25 Years and Over: Some College or More

ACS 2015 (5-Year Estimates)



Sands St, Brooklyn, NY



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Legend for Population 25 Years and Over: Some College or More

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- 1% to 5%
- 5% to 10%
- 10% to 15%
- 15% to 20%
- 20% to 30%
- 30% to 40%
- 40% to 60%
- 60% to 75%
- 75% to 90%
- > 90%

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Census Tract 23, Kings County, New York

Population 25 Years and Over: 2,588

Population 25 Years and Over: Some College or More: 774 (29.91%)



Tell a Story

EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES - LIBRARY

- Library is not just a place where you read books anymore
- Computer, internet access, media, books, records and more
- No Public Library within the F.H area , Vinegar Hill, Dumbo
- The closest Public library --> Brooklyn Public Library(Walt Whitman Branch)
- For both Students / Adults
- About 20% of very poor people in the U.S use computers at public libraries because they can't afford to buy one. **(Gates Foundation Report)**
- At least 31% of low-income housing residents used online resources at the public library.**(2012 - pew research center)**
- 60% of library technology users used Technology at library to do research for school and work.**(2012 - pew research center)**
- Library --> provide Tech Facilities/ books, improve people, bring people together and improve the neighborhood and each other.
- Together with Community center.

COMMUNITY BASED EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS



The High crime, unemployment level and lack of education in the neighborhood effects the healthy living of the Farragut Housing community. We all know that the environment where we growing up leaves an impact on our life. The most of today's problem are coming as a result of lack of education given by our parents and surroundings. But it's good to know that in our days we have so many opportunities, provided by the **government educational community-based programs**. And it looks like forgotten and isolated Farragut Houses neighborhood needs that interventions to improve their living.

In order to reduce factors that cause health problems, community members should change aspects of the physical, social, organizational environments. They need to introduce new elements that promote better **health** like establishing new **programs** and **practices**. Also changes of the view on the basic physical and organizational structures and facilities, or community attitudes, social norms, and beliefs.

COMMUNITY BASED EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS



Health department or organization have a responsibility to engage the community. Understanding the view of healthy people in healthy communities is possible only if the community, in its full cultural, social and economic diversity. Educational and community programs can encourage and strengthen health and well-being of the community through learning about Injury and violence prevention, Mental illness/behavioral health, Tobacco use, Substance abuse, Nutrition, Physical activity, Obesity prevention and Chronic diseases.

Another great intervention will be **Adult and Continuing Education Programs** which includes an Adult Basic Education Instruction that underlines skills related to adult literacy needs, educational goals, and personal interests; Improving English skills in speaking, reading, writing, and listening. That also includes a Career and Technical Education courses that provide adults with an opportunity to acquire technical, trade, construction, or entrepreneurial skills; Certipoint Testing Information that will help to Adult education students to earn the designation of Microsoft Office Specialist and the Internet and Computing Core Certification. And the Health Careers programs as well.



Adult Education Helps Children and Families Thrive.

- A mother's education level is the greatest determinant of her children's future academic success, outweighing other factors, such as neighborhood and family income.
- Higher levels of education correlate to lower rates of chronic disease, such as asthma and diabetes, and fewer hospital visits for children and their caregivers.
- In the U.S., the odds of reporting poor health are four times greater for low-skilled adults than for those with the highest proficiency—double the average of the other 23 countries that participated in the assessment of adult skills.

Adult Education Strengthens Communities and Democracy.

- Federal, state and local governments stand to gain \$2.5 billion in tax revenue and reduced expenses for every 400,000 adults who earn a high school diploma.
- Adult education makes communities safer. Inmate participation in adult education reduced recidivism by 29% according to a study of three states. Over 40% of all incarcerated adults in the US have not completed high school.
- Voting is strongly correlated to educational attainment. The voting rate for adults without a high school diploma was less than half the rate for those with advanced degrees in 2008.
- In the U.S., more than in most other countries, 60% of those with lower academic skills feel that they have no influence on public decisions and the political process.

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