



## Community Education Council 24

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### Resolution #173

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**Co-Sponsor: Anna Karwowska**

### **Resolution to Oppose the Proposed Co-Location of Queens International School (Q849) at IS77, the Joseph F. Quinn School**

**WHEREAS**, the New York City Department of Education (NYCDOE) has proposed the co-location of Queens International School (Q849) with Joseph F. Quinn Intermediate School 77 (IS77), located at 976 Seneca Avenue, Ridgewood, NY 11385, for the 2025-2026 school year; and

**WHEREAS**, a similar co-location involving Bushwick Leaders High School (grades 9 through 12) temporarily occurred at IS77 for two years during building upgrades, causing significant disruption to IS77 students and creating traumatic experiences for the IS77 community which is reflected in recent enrollment numbers at IS77;

**WHEREAS**, the proposed co-location will introduce grades 6 through 12 into a building originally designed to accommodate a single school, which includes facilities such as a cafeteria with a maximum capacity of only 500 students at a time; having to break up lunch periods for IS77 and Q849 would allow 13 minutes for each student to eat lunch, it is not logistically possible without expanding the current lunchroom;

**WHEREAS**, the co-location will create logistical challenges, and safety concerns due to shared spaces such as hallways, cafeterias, and restrooms, including the lack of adequate facilities—notably, only one men’s lavatory on the fourth floor and no female lavatory on that floor; and

**WHEREAS**, IS77 staff and students, during public hearings, expressed that the previous co-location caused numerous families to leave the school, reducing enrollment, and that the



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proposed co-location could further decrease enrollment as Q849 actively recruits students from IS77's feeder schools, despite public statements claiming otherwise; and

**WHEREAS**, IS77 has a long history of warmly welcoming and educating newly arrived immigrant students without issue, demonstrating its ability to serve diverse populations effectively as this colocation will diminish their efforts to assimilate newcomers to the district and welcome to their new community.

**WHEREAS**, a Joint Public Hearing was held on November 13, 2024, at IS77, with another virtual hearing scheduled for December 9, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.; and

**WHEREAS**, despite these hearings, the NYCDOE has not provided sufficient data or detailed information regarding the potential impact of the proposed co-location on IS77 students, staff, and the broader school community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Community Education Council (CEC) 24 opposes the proposed co-location of Queens International School (Q849) with IS77; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the CEC urges the NYCDOE to reconsider this proposal and explore alternative locations better suited to house grades 6 through 12 without adversely affecting existing schools and communities; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that CEC 24 requests that IS77 be given the opportunity to rebuild its enrollment and programs in the wake of recent challenges, with no additional co-locations considered until at least the 2026-2027 school year; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that CEC 24 advocates for the implementation of programs at both the school and district levels to increase IS77's enrollment, including expanding the district's dual-language program (currently serving grades K-5) into middle school grades, as well as other innovative initiatives to serve the community and strengthen IS77's role as a cornerstone of District 24.



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Adopted and Approved this 17<sup>th</sup> day of December 2024, by the Community Education Council 24.

CEC24 Members, Connie Altamirano, Yes; Juny Adames, Yes; Matthew Crescio, Yes; Mati Gonzalez, Abstained; Manisha Jain, Yes; Anna Karwowska, Yes; Veronica Piedra Leon, Absent; Michael Martizano, Yes; Johanna Pineda, Yes; Guo Zhou, Yes.

CEC24 Voting for Resolution #173: 8 – Yes; 1 – Abstained; 1 - Absent

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