PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Existing Conditions

The Project Site is served by the Great Neck Union Free School District (UFSD). Total district enrollment was 6,600 students (based on latest available data from the New York State Education Department for the 2024-2025 school year[1]). During the 2022-2023 school year, the average cost per student was approximately $30,536.47[2].

1.1 Assessment of Proposed Conditions

The proposed project, like any residential development project, has the potential to generate school-aged children. To estimate the potential number of school-aged children, the Applicant sought methodology and data that has been utilized within the Great Neck UFSD. This approach was identified based on a study performed by BFJ Planning, which cited data utilized by the Great Neck UFSD, from the *2015-2019 American Community Survey Public Use Microdata (PUMS) for Nassau County for households living in units built in 2000 or later*. Based on statistics from this study, the data revealed a multiplier of 0.20 school-aged children per unit. Applying this multiplier to the proposed project would result in up to 12 school-aged children. However, it is also important to note that this selected PUMS dataset does not differentiate between public and private school attendance (which averages approximately 20-25% across the region) and it does not differentiate between types of residential construction. Such data would include all types of residential construction since 2000, including single-family homes. As such, an estimate of 12 public school-aged children represents a conservative (high) estimate. When accounting for children attending private school, along with the actual type of residential construction, it would be reasonable to consider the number of students enrolling in public schools to be less than 12 (i.e., 10).

The New York State Education Department's *Nonpublic Enrollment by Districts of Residence and Attendance*[3] validates the breakdown between public and private school enrollment. For the 2024-2025 school year, there were 2,222 K-12 students who lived in the Great Neck UFSD but attended a private school. This represents 25% of children attending private schools:

- 8,822 total students in grades K-12
- 6,600 students in the public schools = 75% of 8,822
- 2,222 students in private schools = 25% of 8,822

[1] https://data.nysed.gov/enrollment.php?year=2025&instid=800000049062
[2] https://data.nysed.gov/expenditures.php?year=2025&instid=800000049062
[3] https://www.p12.nysed.gov/irs/statistics/nonpublic/enrollment-by-districts-of-residence-and-attendance-nonpublic-2022-23.xlsx

Based upon additional recent local research focusing on school-age children in transit-oriented developments on Long Island,[4] the actual ratios of school-age children are generally lower than the PUMS data (which does not account for typology difference in housing, including proximity to transit). The 2021 study, *Multifamily Housing Development Impacts in Long Island Communities School District Enrollment*, found that the average ratio of school age children was approximately 0.07, irrespective of unit type or public vs. private school enrollment trends. Based on this data, the Proposed Project would result in up to five (5) school-age children, with an estimated four (4) children attending public schools (this study assumed the local average rate of 20% private school attendance).

As such, it is not anticipated that the proposed project will result in any adverse impacts to the Great Neck UFSD. Depending upon methodology and private school attendance, the estimated number of public school-age children associated with the Proposed Project could range from 4 to 11 new public-school students. This minor increase in enrollment represents an average of 0.3-0.8 new students per grade within the Great Neck UFSD and is not anticipated to adversely impact school resources or class sizes.

[4] 4Ward Planning & Long Island Regional Planning Council. Multifamily Housing Development Impacts in Long Island Communities School District Enrollment. March 2021.