

## **Real School Choice: District 15 Families Need an Early Childhood Center**

The NYC Department of Education says that there is underutilized space in the K293 building, which houses Brooklyn School for Global Studies, School for International Studies, and STAR Academy. Charter school executive Eva Moskowitz wants to open a new charter elementary school in the space, but community leaders are proposing an early childhood center. Which do you think would better serve the needs of District 15 families?

<b>Cobble Hill Early Childhood Center</b>	<b>Cobble Hill Success Academy</b>
Progressive education for 3-5 year olds residing within local school zones	Traditional education for students from inside and outside the district
Commitment to serving all students, identifying special needs early and addressing them	History of excluding and pushing out special needs students and English Language Learners
Designed by board of local parents and educators	Designed and operated by company without roots in the community
Will serve students who live within walking distance	Will bus students from across the borough, leading to greater congestion in a high-traffic neighborhood
Designed collaboratively with principals of host schools, district PTAs and CEC	Track record of tension and conflict with host schools and communities
Model in which co-located schools collaborate to share facilities, for ex: - brand new culinary arts teaching kitchen - garden where students grow their own vegetables	Model in which co-located schools compete for most desirable space in a building
Will reduce overcrowding in the early grades in popular neighborhood schools and help ensure a seat for every neighborhood child in our excellent neighborhood schools	Will do nothing to reduce local overcrowding because students will come from all over the district
Offers full-day pre-K, which is in high demand in the neighborhood	No pre-K
Will use 6 classrooms, permitting the current schools to stay in the building and flourish	Will use 15 classrooms, causing severe crowding and possible closure of current schools
Would share costs for building utilities, maintenance and security	Would pay only \$1 a year toward building costs