

## Equity for Charter School Students

Mayor de Blasio says he wants “Equity & Excellence” for all NYC students, yet he has blocked the growth of new charter schools — some of the city’s strongest, most desirable schools — by limiting their access to space in public school buildings. In the five years of his mayoralty, co-locations for new charter schools have plummeted to fewer than 60, compared to 150 in the previous five years. Fewer new charter schools means families seeking the high-quality education for their children have fewer opportunities for excellence.

### Halting Charter Growth

The mayor’s opposition to charter schools has dramatically slowed the expansion of educational opportunity for families. City Hall is allowing many fewer co-locations and new seats are being created much more slowly than in previous years – despite overwhelming demand and plentiful classroom space.

2009–2013

150 CO-LOCATIONS FOR CHARTER SCHOOLS APPROVED

2014–2018

54 CO-LOCATIONS

2011–2014

8,100 NEW CHARTER SEATS ADDED

2015–2018

4,900 SEATS ADDED

# 53,000

students without a seat

#### Increased Parent Demand

Over the past five years, the number of children applying to charter schools has grown by 15%. With almost 80,000 applicants vying for the approximately 26,900 available seats this year, almost 53,000 children were left without a seat.

# 100,000

empty seats

#### Space in Public School Buildings

- 192 Buildings with at Least 300 Empty Seats
- 72 Buildings with at Least 500 Empty Seats
- 28 Buildings with at Least 750 Empty Seats

# 18,639

students who exited NYC District Schools

According to Department of Education data, enrollment in district-run schools fell by nearly 19,000 students from 2017 to 2018, from 980,767 to a projected 962,128. Enrollment at the city’s public charter schools rose from roughly 114,000 to a projected enrollment of roughly 120,000.

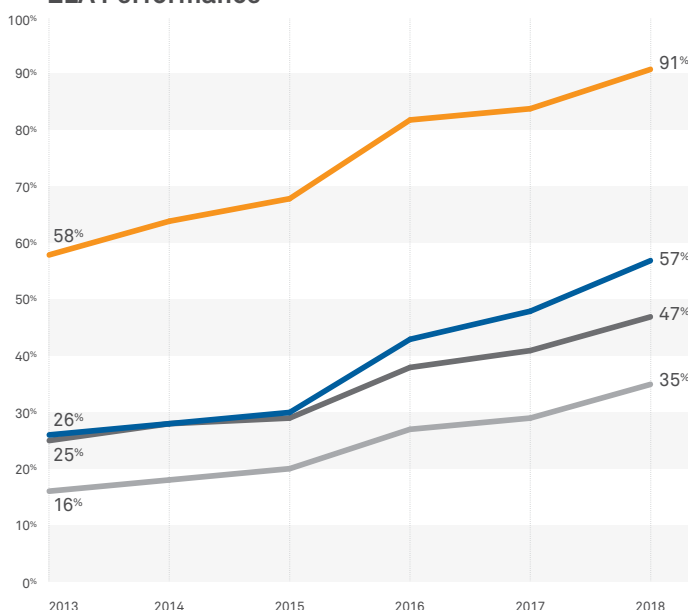
### Expanding Excellence — and Equity

Student achievement at public charter schools has outpaced that of district schools. Across all subgroups — students with disabilities, economically disadvantaged, and English language learners — charter schools had significantly higher results on the 2018 state exams.

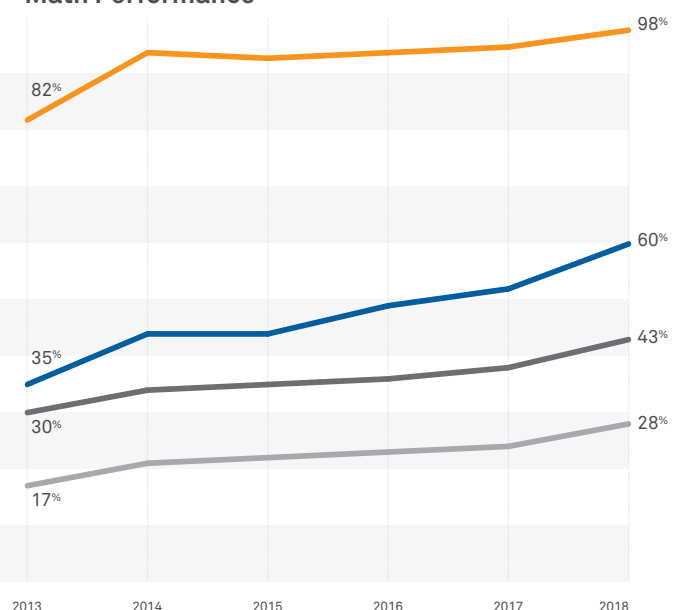
GROUP

- SUCCESS ACADEMY
- NYC CHARTER SCHOOLS
- DISTRICT SCHOOLS
- STUDENTS OF COLOR AT DISTRICT SCHOOLS

#### ELA Performance



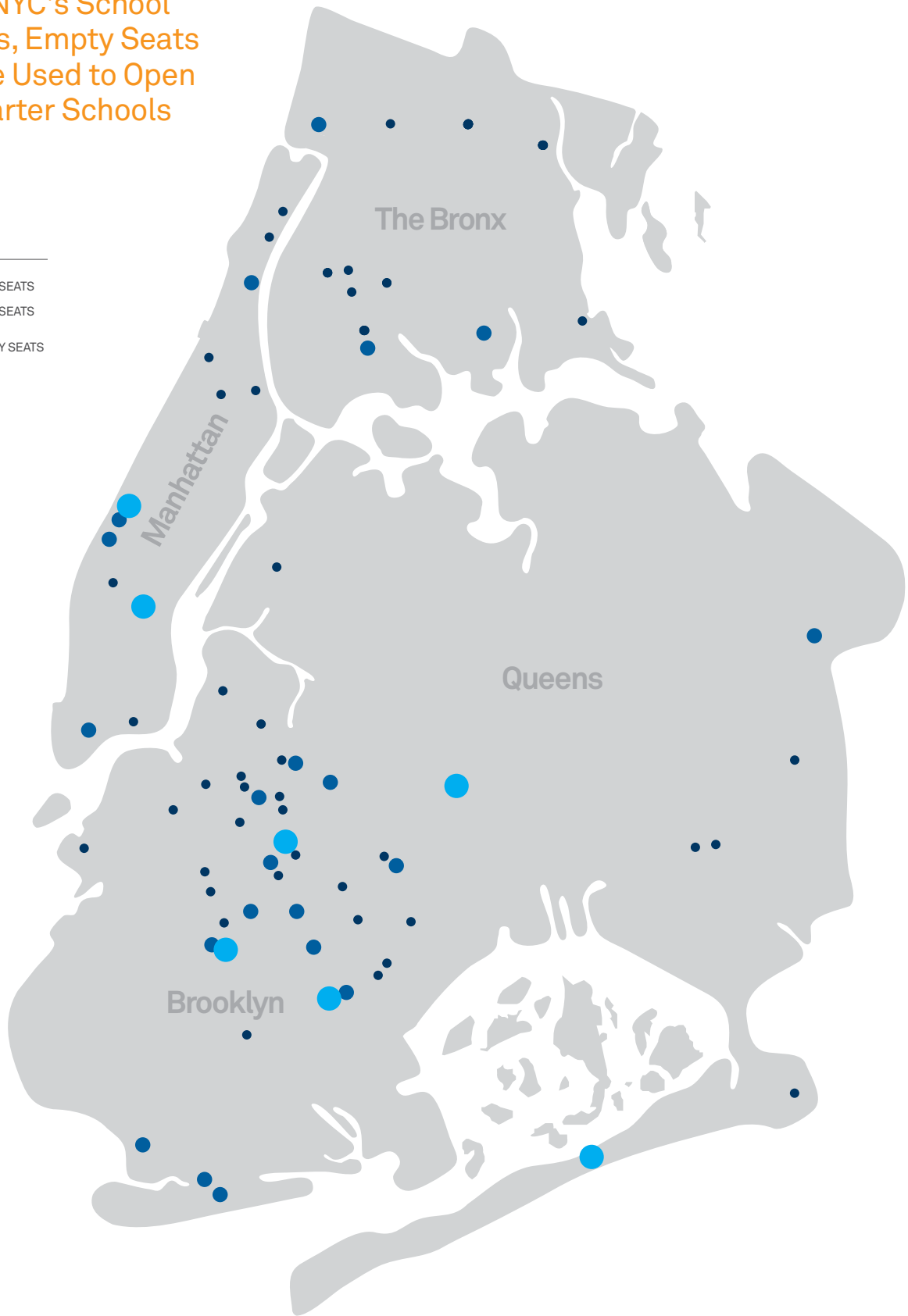
#### Math Performance



## In 72 of NYC's School Buildings, Empty Seats Could Be Used to Open New Charter Schools

KEY

- 500+ EMPTY SEATS
- 750+ EMPTY SEATS
- 1,000+ EMPTY SEATS



## 100,000 Empty Seats That Could Fulfill Parent Dreams

More charters could be accommodated in the city's underutilized public school buildings, especially in neighborhoods with many low-performing schools — if Mayor de Blasio wanted to support equity.

Of the 192 buildings with 300+ empty classroom seats, 133 have not changed in utilization since 2013–2014. In 63 of these buildings, there have been more than 500 empty seats every year for the last five years.

While overcrowding does exist in some neighborhoods, the community school districts with the greatest educational need — where charters, including Success, are still trying to open great new schools — actually have more space available than elsewhere in the city.

Borough	Total Public School Buildings	300+ Empty Seats	500+ Empty Seats
Bronx	282	29	12
Brooklyn	411	99	40
Manhattan	220	37	13
Queens	329	21	7
Staten Isl.	82	6	0
<b>Citywide</b>	<b>1,324</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>72</b>