

LOCATION & TRANSPORTATION ACCESS

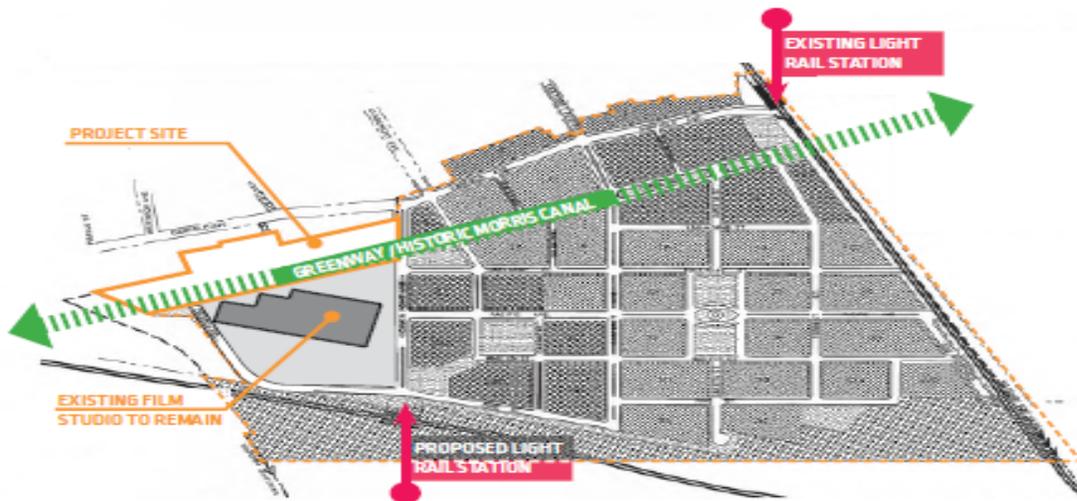


Empowerment Academy Charter School's High School will be located close to Liberty State Park: one block east of Garfield Avenue and to the immediate south of the 7,000 new housing units to be constructed in the Canal Crossing Redevelopment Area. (See the high school "Project Site" and the planned new blocks of housing, at left.)

We anticipate that three-quarters of the high school's students will use one of its 9 free buses, which will run to every Jersey City neighborhood.

The new campus is also near public bus and light rail stops and will immediately abut beautifully landscaped public walking and bike pathways (illustrated on the page that follows) which will stretch throughout Jersey City as part of the Morris Canal Greenway.

Those visiting from further away for special events will be able to use nearby Exit 14-B of the NJ Turnpike.



A GREEN, LUSHLY LANDSCAPED CAMPUS



Empowerment Academy's High School will be adjacent to a new High School for BelovED Community Charter School. (BelovED's current high school on Grand Street will become a middle school.)

Charter schools receive less taxpayer funding than traditional public schools and don't get a cent of taxpayer money for school construction. Locating two high schools next to each other creates cost-sharing efficiencies that will be making it affordable for Empowerment and BelovED to enjoy the most modern, and also the most beautiful, high school facilities in Jersey City.

The lushly landscaped campus, walking paths and bike paths will provide our scholars and the wider community a calming, green oasis in the middle of Jersey City.

SUN-FILLED ROOMS AND HALLWAYS THAT BRING NATURE IN



In contrast to the century-old school buildings that predominate in Jersey City, our modern facilities will bring the calming effect of sun and nature in via green hallway treatments and ample windows. On lower stories, one will look out upon tree-intensive landscaping. Upper stories will provide spectacular views of the Statue of Liberty and the Jersey City/Manhattan skyline.

SPECTACULAR VIEWS



The drawing at left highlights the vistas enjoyed on the eastern side of upper floors.

That's the Statue of Liberty on the horizon to the right and the skylines of Downtown Jersey City and Manhattan to the left.

A library/meeting area will be located in this space. It will feature large windows and awe-inspiring views.



Outdoor PE and sports practice will take place on a roof-deck synthetic field.

There will be planting beds and greenhouses next to the field for biology and botanical studies, as well as an area that can be used for outdoor recess.

Our gymnasiums, a performing arts theater and a cafeteria are located below the field.

An indoor parking garage is on the lowest levels of this structure.

SPECIALIZED CLASSROOMS AND SPACES



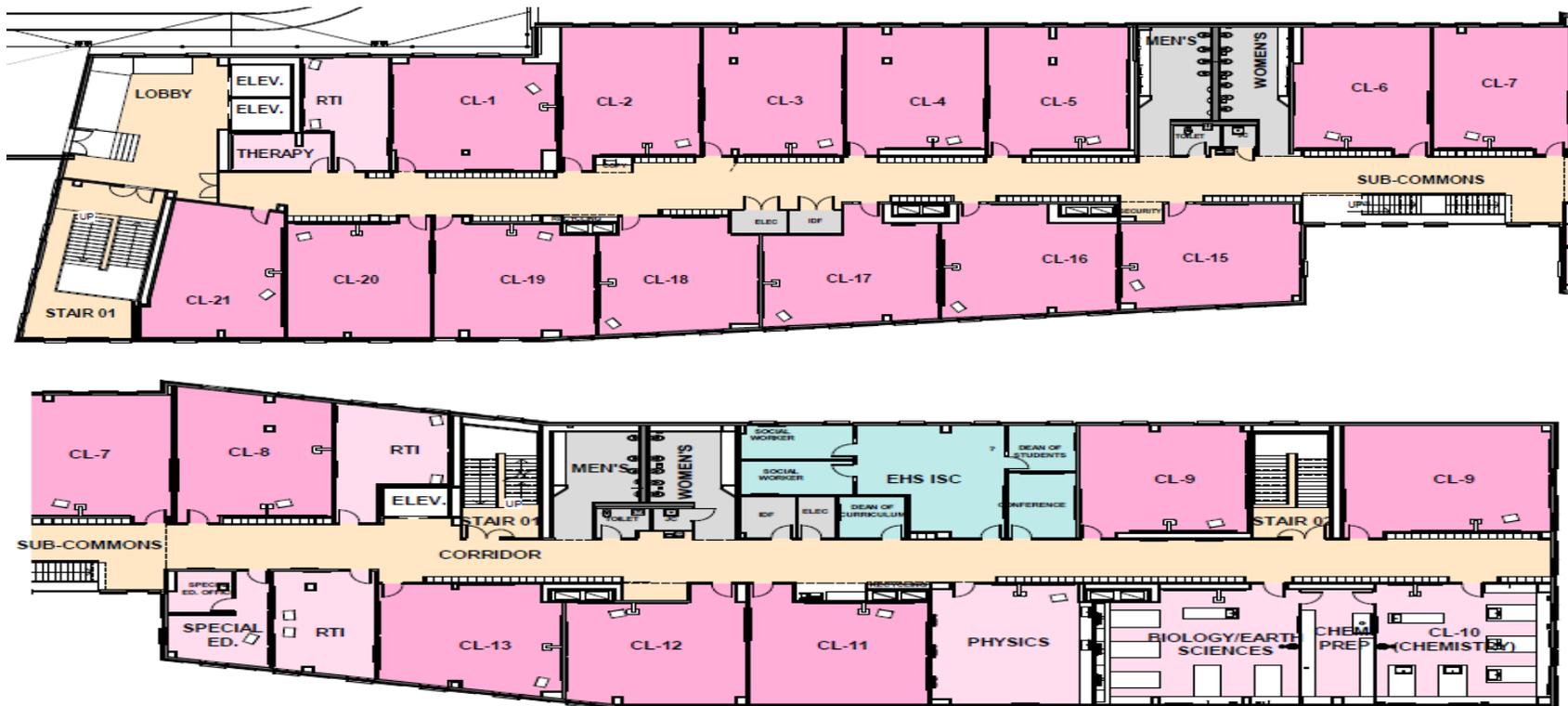
Empowerment Academy’s High School will feature top-quality specialty classrooms and spaces that provide unparalleled support for instruction and life planning. Such spaces include:

- fully-outfitted Chemistry, Biology/Earth Sciences and Physics Labs;
- a Technology Lab and Digital Production Studio;
- a Maker Space for the study of robotics, electronics, CAD-based design and 3-D printing, etc.;
- an Art Room with a potter’s wheel and kiln;
- a Music Room and Instrumental Practice Rooms (not shown);
- a large College and Career Counseling Suite; and
- general social-emotional/life counseling offices.

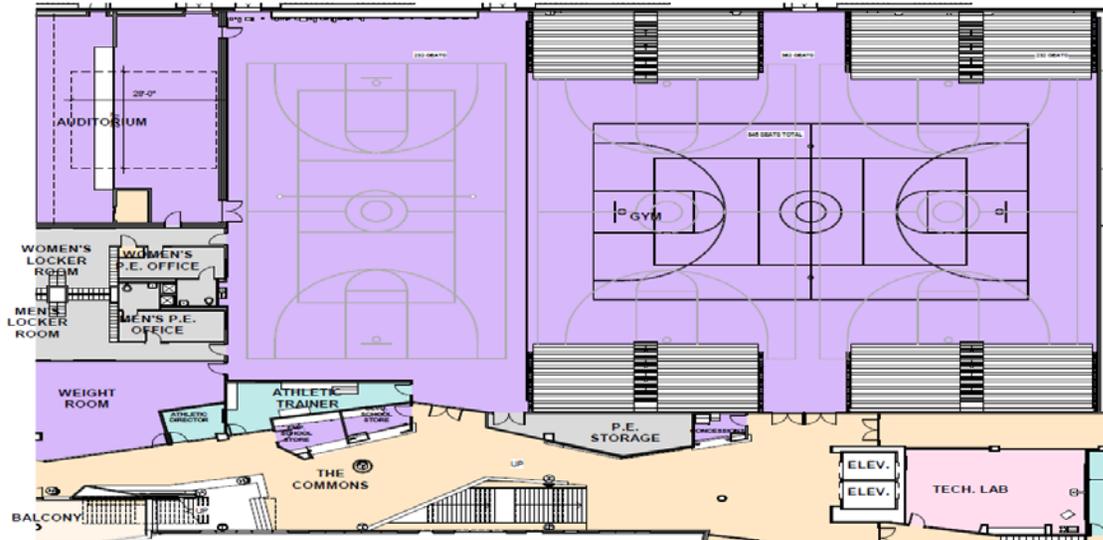
ABUNDANT LARGE AND SMALL CLASSROOMS



Perhaps most importantly, the facility will feature both large and small classrooms sufficient in number to: 1) support the offering not only of courses serving a standard complement of 24 students/class, but also courses with lesser enrollment (as may be the case with some language, advanced placement or college credit-earning electives); 2) provide the space needed for small groups of students to receive intensive tutoring when they are academically struggling; and 3) fully support special education and English as a Second Language instruction.



TOP QUALITY SHARED SPACES



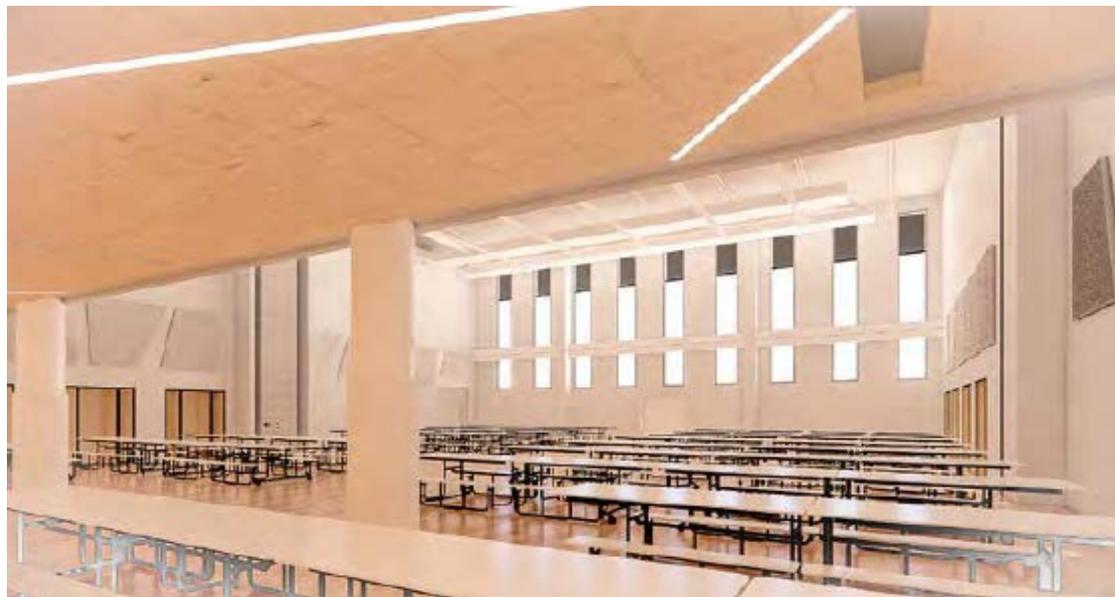
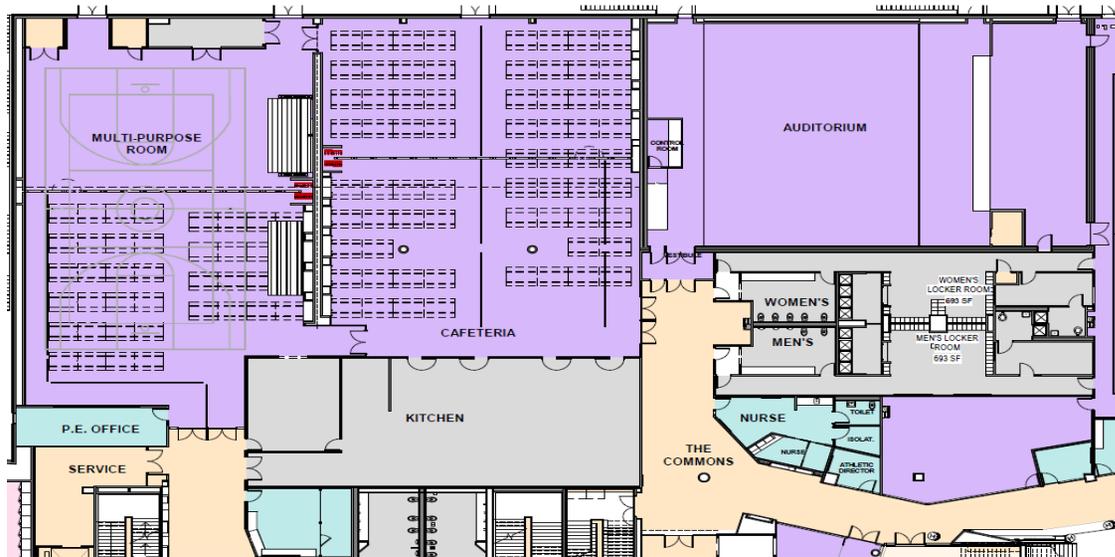
Empowerment Academy and BelovED will share several extremely large spaces, cutting the cost to the schools of these spaces and their supporting rooms in half.

This includes a triple-sized gymnasium and its supporting Weight Room, Athletic Training Room, and Storage Room. The three sections of this gymnasium can be separated or joined together and can be uniquely branded by each school during athletic competitions or events using banners and projected light images.

Additional shared spaces include an acoustically first rate 500-seat auditorium designed for theatrical and musical study and performances, with back stage and control rooms.

The auditorium is partially shown in the drawing at the top-left of this page. More of it is shown on the top of the page that follows.

TOP QUALITY SHARED SPACES (Cont.)



The two schools will also share a large Multi-Purpose Room/Cafeteria and Kitchen that they use during different periods.

These large shared spaces can accommodate a significant number of event attendees. Their size and the abundant in-door parking that will be available below them during non-school hours will make these venues favorites not only for school sports, art performances and special events, but also for events organized by outside organizations.

College campuses broaden their students' horizons by being venues for conferences, expositions, sport tournaments, arts exhibitions, theatrical productions, musical performances and countless other events produced by outside organizations using campus facilities.

Our facilities will attract evening and weekend events by outside organizations and broaden our students' horizons in the same way.

TAXPAYER SAVINGS



It is important to note that these facilities will be built with 100% union labor earning full Prevailing Wage pay rates. Yet these facilities won't cost taxpayers one extra dime!

These new facilities will be built by a charitable organization that will use tax-exempt bonds to fund the construction. The charity will charge Empowerment Academy and BelovED an affordable rent that covers nothing more than its principal and interest payments for the construction bonds: the charity won't charge a penny for profit. And once the bonds are paid off, Empowerment and BelovED will each have the right to purchase their facilities for \$1. That's a great deal for taxpayers!

Empowerment Academy and BelovED will be paying their rents using a portion of the per-student operating funding they already receive. *Taxpayers won't be asked to come up with one cent of additional funding!*

Traditional public schools receive MORE in per-student operating funding from taxpayers than charter public schools receive....

On top of this, traditional public schools also receive EXTRA taxpayer funding for school construction and capital expenses.

If these were traditional public schools, taxpayers would be asked to pay over a hundred million in EXTRA taxes for their construction....

But because these will be charter public schools, taxpayers won't be asked to pay ANYTHING extra for them!