

New Charter School Underway At 447 Wales Avenue In Mott Haven, Bronx

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Rendering of Comp Sci High, courtesy of Civic Builders

Civic Builders, a national nonprofit lender and developer dedicated to supporting public charter schools in under-resourced communities, is currently developing a new charter school located at 447 Wales Avenue in Mott Haven, The Bronx. The project, a partnership with Comp Sci High Charter School, and designed by KSS Architects, represents an important investment in educational facilities in the area.



Rendering of Comp Sci High, courtesy of Civic Builders

Comp Sci High, currently under construction, is designed to accommodate 504 students from grades nine through 12 and is slated to open for the 2024-2025 school year. The development occupies the site of a former auto body shop and two abandoned residential properties. Construction is being managed by Kel-Mar Designs, the general contractor for the project.



Current construction site at 447 Wales Avenue, courtesy of Civic Builders

When complete, the project will stand 73 feet tall across six stories and have a total of 45,979 square feet of interior space. It will offer 20 full-size classrooms, four half-size classrooms, a science lab, an art room, and a computer lab. Additionally, the building will feature a large multipurpose room, a gymnasium/cafeteria, and a double-height coworking space. Notably, it will also feature two outdoor classrooms on terraces.

The total project cost for Comp Sci High is estimated to be \$47.5 million, which includes the purchase price for the site, which was \$5.3 million. The property is situated near the East 143rd Street-St Mary's Street station, serviced by the 6 train, and the Jackson Avenue station, serviced by the 2 and 5 trains.