



**Department of
Education**

Carmen Fariña, Chancellor

Notice
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The Proposed Opening and Co-location of Success Academy Charter School -New York 10 (84KTBD) with Existing School Andries Hudde Middle School (22K240) in Building K240 Beginning in the 2016-2017 School Year

I. Description of the subject and purpose of the proposed item under consideration.

The New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) is proposing to open and co-locate Success Academy Charter School- New York 10 (84KTBD, “SA-Midwood”) in Building K240 (“K240”) which is located at 2500 Nostrand Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11210, in Community School District 22 (“District 22”) beginning in the 2016-2017 school year. If this proposal is approved, SA-Midwood will be co-located with Andries Hudde Middle School (22K240, “Andries Hudde”) an existing district middle school serving students in grades six through eight. K240 also provides space to CAMBA, a community-based organization (“CBO”). If this proposal is approved, SA-Midwood will open in Fall of 2016, serving approximately 130-180 students in kindergarten and first grade, and will add one grade level each year until it serves approximately 375-495 students in kindergarten through fourth grade in the 2019-2020 school year.

Pursuant to recent amendments to the Education Law which provide certain new and expanding charter schools with access to facilities, SA-Midwood made a co-location request to the DOE for space in District 22 to open a new elementary school option.

Extensive public engagement was conducted by the DOE in the course of creating this proposal which included:

- Meeting with members of Community Education Council (“CEC 22”) on January 8, 2015 to inform the CEC of the recent amendments to the Education Law.
- Convening a Community Needs Assessment Forum on November 13, 2014, which included representatives from the offices of various Brooklyn elected officials, Brooklyn CECs and District Presidents Council at which time this proposal was discussed along with other potential District Planning needs and priorities in Brooklyn.
- Conducting a walkthrough of building K240 with a Deputy Chancellor from the DOE on March 20, 2015. On that day, the Deputy Chancellor and other DOE leadership members met with the principal and School Leadership Team members of Andries Hudde to further discuss the proposal, listen to questions and concerns from the school community, and determine whether significant logistical or other concerns would prevent the implementation of this proposal if approved by the Panel for Educational Policy (“PEP”).

Success Academy Charter Schools (“SACS”) is a charter management organization (“CMO”) that currently operates elementary, middle and high schools in New York City. SA-Midwood would open in the 2016-2017 school year, and would serve students in kindergarten through fourth grade at scale in the 2019-2020 school year if this proposal is approved. SA- Midwood’s charter was authorized in October 2014 by the Trustees of The State University of New York (“SUNY”).

The DOE evaluates public school buildings throughout the City that are “under-utilized,” meaning they have space to accommodate additional students. Building K240 has the capacity to serve 1,526 students. Currently, the building is serving approximately 873 students, yielding a building utilization rate of approximately 57%. Therefore, building K240 is “under-utilized.” If this proposal is approved by the PEP, in 2019-2020, when SA- Midwood is at scale serving kindergarten through fourth grade students at K240, there will be approximately 1,155-1,305 students in the building served by both schools, yielding a projected utilization rate of approximately 76%-86%, which demonstrates that there is sufficient space for both school organizations. As set forth in the Building Utilization Plan (“BUP”) that accompanies this proposal, there is sufficient space in the building to accommodate this co-location.

II. Information regarding where the full text of the proposed item may be obtained.

The Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) and BUP can be found on the DOE’s Web site:
<http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2014-2015/May2015SchoolProposals>.

Copies of the EIS and BUP are also available in the main office of Andries Hudde.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D22Proposals@schools.nyc.gov.

Oral comments can be left at 212-374-0208.

IV. The name, office, address, email and telephone number of the city district representative, knowledgeable on the item under consideration, from whom information may be obtained concerning the item.

Name: Timothy Castanza
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Address: 52 Chambers Street, New York, NY 10007
Email: D22Proposals@schools.nyc.gov
Phone: 212-374-0208

V. Date, time and place of joint public hearing for this proposal.

May 11, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.
Building K240
2500 Nostrand Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11210

Questions about the proposal should be directed as indicated in section IV above.

Speaker sign-up will begin 30 minutes before the hearing and will close 15 minutes after the start.

VI. Date, time and place of the Panel for Educational Policy meeting at which the Panel will vote on the proposed item.

May 20, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.
Prospect Heights Campus
883 Classon Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11225