



Date: November 10, 2009

Topic: Proposed Grade Expansion of Mott Hall V (12X242)

Date of Panel Vote: November 12, 2009

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### **Summary of Proposal**

This is a proposal to expand the grade configuration of Mott Hall V (12X242), an existing school serving grades six through eight in Community School District 12. The expansion to a grade six through twelve configuration would add approximately 324 high school seats in the Bronx. An Educational Impact Statement on this proposal was posted on the Department of Education's website on September 25, 2009. The Educational Impact Statement was re-posted on October 26, 2009 after it was supplemented with additional information.

### **Comments Received at the Joint Public Hearing**

A public hearing regarding this proposal was held on October 26, and all interested parties had an opportunity to provide input on the proposal. Nine members of the public spoke in favor of the posted proposal; no one spoke in opposition to the proposal. Reasons expressed for support of the grade expansion included Mott Hall V's strong school culture, support of students with special needs, and opportunity to limit the number of transitions experienced by students.

### **Summary of Issues Raised in Written and Oral Comments and Significant Alternatives Suggested**

A total of 19 written and oral comments regarding this proposal have been received; 18 of the individuals submitting comments identified themselves as parents of current or former Mott Hall V students, and the other individual did not provide an affiliation. All of the comments expressed support of the grade expansion proposal. The reason for support of the proposal cited most frequently was a desire for continuity between middle and high school grades. Commenters also noted the school's academic and leadership programs, the potential for a 6-12 school to be an asset to the community, and the relationships between principals, teachers, and parents. No significant alternatives were proposed.

**Analysis of Issues Raised, Significant Alternatives Proposed  
and Changes Made to the Proposal**

The DOE has made no changes to the proposal to expand the grade configuration of Mott Hall V. The proposal will be presented to the PEP as it is posted.

A copy of the educational impact statement for this proposal can be obtained at [here](#) or at <http://schools.nyc.gov/NR/ronlyres/02182640-D03A-436A-A1CF-BDEF97FF81F4/70145/AmendedEISMottHallV4.pdf>

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