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**NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION - DIVISION OF
PORTFOLIO PLANNING**
Truncation of 23K392 - 12/11/12

1 [START 323048 MASTER MP3]

2 SUPERINTENDENT AINSLIE CUMBERBATCH: This is

3 joint public hearing of the Department of

4 Education Community Education Council, and

5 School Leadership Team for the proposed grade

6 truncation of I.S. 392 to a 6-8 school during

7 the 2013-14 school year. I am District 23's

8 Superintendent Ainslie Cumberbatch. We have

9 asked the District 23 Community Education

10 Council and the School Leadership Teams to

11 participate in this joint public hearing. I am

12 joined tonight by Ms. Shirley Wheeler-Massey,

13 Principal of IS392, Miss Beverly Logan,

14 Principal of PS156 and Ms. Roshana Ross from the

15 Community Education Council for District 23.

16 Welcome, ladies. This hearing is being

17 recorded. The purpose of this hearing is for

18 you to provide comments about the proposal. The

19 DOE reissued this proposal in the wake of

20 disruptions caused by Hurricane Sandy. No

21 changes have been made to this proposal. Before

22 I describe the proposal, I want to make sure you

23 are all aware of the opportunity to provide your

24 input. All those who wish to speak must sign up

25 in the speaker sign up area located within the

1 auditorium. The sign up list will close in 15
2 minutes. Speakers will be given the floor in
3 the order that they signed up and I will please
4 remind everyone that all comments are limited to
5 two minutes. There may be elected officials who
6 arrive at different times throughout the
7 evening. If they wish to speak we will do our
8 best to accommodate them at the first opportune
9 moment. Those who are here at the start of the
10 public comments segment will be asked to speak
11 first. In addition, we welcome any comments and
12 feedback you may have at any time before the
13 Panel votes on December 20th, 2012. The December
14 20th Panel Meeting will take place at 6:00 p.m.
15 at the High School of Fashion Industries which
16 is located at 225 West 24th Street in Manhattan.
17 The email address and phone number where
18 comments may be made are
19 D23proposals@schools.nyc.gov, again,
20 D23proposals@schools.nyc.gov. You may also call
21 telephone number 212-374-0208, 212-374-0208.
22 All comments made at today's hearing and through
23 the DOE's dedicated phone number and email
24 address for this proposal will be discussed in
25 the analysis of public comment that the DOE will

1 publish on the DOE's website and provide to the
2 Panel before the Panel votes on this proposal.
3 I will present at this time the proposal and
4 then we will open up the speaker list. The
5 Department of Education is proposing a grade
6 truncation for I.S. 392, meaning that the school
7 would no longer offer the option to enroll 5th
8 grade students after the current 2012-13 school
9 year. Beginning in September 2013 I.S. 392
10 would only serve sixth through eighth grade
11 students. Currently, I.S. 392 is the only DOE
12 managed school in District 23 that serves an
13 irregular grade span in the kindergarten through
14 eighth grade span. This proposed grade
15 truncation will help standardize middle school
16 entry grades in District 23. Additionally,
17 having students start middle school through
18 multiple entry grades, that is at both fifth and
19 sixth grades, creates challenges for students
20 and the school as a whole. Having students
21 enter in multiple years is also challenging for
22 teachers and leadership from an instructional
23 perspective. All students currently enrolled in
24 P.S. 156 may continue in their school. As in
25 the past, P.S. 156 will continue to serve

1 kindergarten through fifth grade students. It
2 will continue to offer a pre kindergarten
3 program subject to funding and demand. The DOE
4 does not anticipate that the proposed truncation
5 will impact I.S. 392 or P.S. 156's ability to
6 continue to offer extracurricular activities.
7 We will now hear presentations from the District
8 23 CEC and the School Leadership Teams of I.S.
9 392 and P.S. 156. I would like to ask 392 if
10 they intend on making a presentation. No, you
11 do not. Thank you. P.S. 156 SLT represented by
12 Miss Logan, do you intend on making a
13 presentation? Thank you. No, she does not.
14 And Miss Roshana Ross representing this
15 Community Education Council for District 23,
16 would you like to make a presentation? Thank
17 you. Since no one, since there are no
18 presentations we will move to the public
19 comments section. We will now open the floor
20 for public comments. Speakers will be given the
21 floor in the order that they signed up. Are
22 reminded that all comments are limited to two
23 minutes. I have been informed that no one has
24 signed up to speak at this hearing. As a result
25 I will now conclude the speaker portion of this

1 hearing. Again, we welcome any comments and
2 feedback you may have at any time before the
3 Panel for Educational Policy votes on this
4 proposal at its December 20th, 2012 meeting. The
5 December 20th Panel meeting will take place at
6 6:00 p.m., again, at the High School of Fashion
7 Industries located at 225 West 24th Street, New
8 York New York, 10011. The email address and
9 phone number, once again, where comments may be
10 made are D23proposals@schools.nyc.gov or by
11 calling 212-374-0208. I'd like to thank you all
12 for your participation this evening. This joint
13 public hearing is now closed.

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The prior proceedings were transcribed from audio files and have been transcribed to the best of my ability.

Signature 

Date 12/13/12