



Notice
January 14, 2011

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Chancellor

The Proposed Co-location of Two New Schools, 11X529 and 11X532, with M.S. 142 John Philip Sousa (11X142) in Building X142

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

Beginning in the 2011-2012 school year, the New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) proposes the “co-location” of two new middle schools, 11X529 and 11X532, that will serve grades 6-8 in school building X142 (“X142”), located at 3750 Baychester Avenue, Bronx, NY, 10466, in Community School District 11. 11X529 and 11X532 would be co-located with M.S. 142 John Philip Sousa (11X142, “M.S. 142”), an existing zoned middle school serving grades 6-8. A “co-location” means that two or more school organizations are located in the same building and may share common spaces like auditoriums, gymnasiums, and cafeterias.

School building X142 is under-utilized as a result of declining enrollment at M.S. 142, which reflects lower demand for M.S. 142 as more options for middle school are made available to X142 zoned students through the District 11 Middle School Choice process. The opening of two new District 11 choice middle schools addresses parents’ desire for more unzoned options in the district.

If approved, 11X529 and 11X532 would phase-in gradually with the first cohort of sixth graders in 2011-2012 and add an additional grade each year until they complete their phase-ins to serve grades 6-8 in 2013-2014 school year. The admissions policies at 11X529 and 11X532 will be the same. Both schools would first admit students who reside in the X142 zone (unscreened) and then admit students through the District 11 Middle School Choice process and use a Limited Unscreened selection method. Limited Unscreened schools give admissions priority to students who demonstrate interest in the school by attending an Information Session, Open House events, or visiting the school's exhibit at any one of the Middle School Fairs.

As 11X529 and 11X532 phase in, the number of sixth graders admitted to M.S. 142 will decrease and the school’s overall enrollment will decline over the course of the next three years as the school will only be projected to enroll three sections of incoming sixth grade students, as opposed to the 11-13 sections it has historically enrolled. In 2011-2012, M.S. 142 would continue to be a zoned middle school, however, in 2012-2013, M.S. 142’s admissions process would be consistent with 11X529 and 11X532—it would admit all zoned students, then students who apply through the District 11 Middle School Choice process. The intent is to create campus choice among three small district choice middle schools in the X142 building. All three schools would admit students through the District 11 Middle School Choice process and offer priority to students who reside in the X142 zone. In addition, as a smaller school, M.S. 142 will be able to focus attention on a smaller cohort of students, thereby enabling M.S. 142 to more efficiently personalize instruction and serve its students.

The two new schools will appear on the District 11 New Middle School Choice application in March 2011. Students will be able to rank 11X529 and 11X532 in the New Middle School Choice Application Round.

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

The Educational Impact Statement can be found on the Department of Education's Web site: <http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2010-2011/Mar12011Proposals>

Copies of the EIS are also available in the main office of M.S. 142 John Philip Sousa.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D11Proposals@schools.nyc.gov.

Oral comments can be left at 212-374-5159.

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: Izaak Orlansky
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Email: D11Proposals@schools.nyc.gov
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V. Date, time and place of joint public hearing for this proposal.

February 17, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.
M.S. 142 John Philip Sousa
3750 Baychester Avenue
Bronx, NY 10466

Questions about the proposal can 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. To request interpretation service, please contact Mr. Orlansky at the e-mail address or telephone number above.

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

March 1, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.
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29 Fort Greene Place
Brooklyn, NY 11217