



Notice
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Chancellor

The Proposed Co-Location of 32K168 with the Academy for Environmental Leadership (32K403), the Bushwick School for Social Justice (32K549), and the Academy of Urban Planning (32K552) in School Building K480

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

The New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) is proposing to co-locate 32K168 (“32K168”), a new high school, in school building K480 (“K480”), located at 400 Irving Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11237, within the geographical confines of District 32 (“District 32”). If this proposal is approved, 32K168 would be co-located at the Bushwick Educational Campus with three existing high schools: the Academy for Environmental Leadership (32K403), the Bushwick School for Social Justice (32K549), and the Academy of Urban Planning (32K552). In addition, K480 houses a Living for the Young Family through Education (“LYFE”) program. 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.

In the 2009-2010 school year, building K480 had a target capacity to serve 1,843 students, and the building enrolled 1,616 students, yielding a target building utilization rate of 88%. During the 2009-2010 school year, the Bushwick Educational Campus housed four schools: the Academy for Environment Leadership, the Bushwick School for Social Justice, Academy of Urban Planning, and the New York Harbor School (02M551, “Harbor School”), a DOE school serving students in grades nine through twelve. At the end of the 2009-2010 school year, the Harbor School was re-sited on Governors Island in Manhattan. In 2010-2011, building K480 has a projected enrollment of 1,260 students, yielding a utilization rate of just 68% of target capacity. The decrease in building enrollment is predominantly attributed to the move of the Harbor School to Governors Island. This means that the building is currently “underutilized” and has extra space to accommodate additional students.

If this co-location proposal is approved, 32K168 would gradually phase in to K480 to replace the seats lost as a result of the re-location of the Harbor School. 32K168 would serve students in grade 9 in 2011-2012 and would add one grade level every year until the school reaches its full grade span of 9-12 in the 2014-2015 school year. The new school would offer a rigorous academic program open to students through the Citywide High School Admissions Process, and would have a Limited Unscreened selection method giving priority to students and residents of Brooklyn. 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 High School Fairs.

The K480 building has adequate capacity to accommodate the new high school, the LYFE program, and the existing schools in the building at full operational capacity. Once 32K168 completes its expansion, the building would serve approximately 1575-1775 students in 2014-2015, yielding an approximate utilization rate of 96%.

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 offices of the Academy for Environmental Leadership, Bushwick School for Social Justice, and Academy of Urban Planning.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to HS.Proposals@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: Benjamin Taylor
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Email: HS.Proposals@schools.nyc.gov
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V. Date, time and place of joint public hearings for this proposal.

February 16, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.
Bushwick Educational Campus
400 Irving Avenue,
Brooklyn, NY 11237

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. Interpretation services will be provided in Spanish. To request interpretation services in another language, please contact Mr. Taylor 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.
Brooklyn Technical High School
29 Fort Greene Place
Brooklyn, NY 11217