Notice
January 14, 2011

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Chancellor

The Proposed Extension and Expansion of the Co-location of Bronx Success Academy 2 (84X494) with P.S. 146 Edward Collins (08X146) in Building X146 for the 2011-2012 School Year

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

Bronx Success Academy 2 Charter School (84X494, "BSA 2") is an existing elementary charter school located at 968 Cauldwell Avenue, Bronx, NY 10456 in Community School District 8, in building X146 ("X146"). BSA 2 currently serves students in kindergarten through first grade. This is a proposal to extend the duration and expand the scope of the "co-location" of BSA 2 by adding a second grade in X146, where it is currently sited with P.S. 146 Edward Collins (08X146, "P.S. 146"), an existing zoned elementary school, for the 2011-2012 school year. P.S. 146 currently serves students in kindergarten through fifth grade and offers a pre-kindergarten 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.

The Panel for Educational Policy ("PEP") approved the proposal to temporarily co-locate BSA 2's kindergarten and first grade with P.S. 146 on February 24, 2010, and BSA 2 opened in X146 in August 2010. Under the original proposal approved by the PEP, BSA 2 was expected to be co-located with P.S. 146 for the 2010-2011 school year only. After diligent efforts, the Department of Education ("DOE") was not able to identify a permanent location for BSA 2. Therefore, the DOE proposes that BSA 2 stay in X146 for one additional year as it continues to phase in and adds a second grade, and as the DOE continues to search for an alternative site. This would mean that BSA 2 would continue to be co-located with P.S. 146 and would serve kindergarten through second grade in the 2011-2012 school year.

BSA 2 is chartered to serve grades kindergarten through five. The DOE recognizes there is not sufficient space in X146 for BSA 2 to grow to full scale based on its chartered enrollment plan. The DOE will consider all long-term options to accommodate the anticipated growth of BSA 2, including re-siting BSA 2, requesting that BSA 2 revise its enrollment plan, and/or siting certain of BSA 2's grades in X146 permanently and siting other grades in a different location. Any proposal to extend or make permanent the co-location of BSA 2 with P.S. 146 for all or some of BSA 2's grades would be the subject of a subsequent EIS.

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

The Educational Impact Statement ("EIS") can be found on the Department of Education's Web site: http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2010-011/Mar12011Proposals

Copies of the EIS are also available in the BSA 2 and P.S. 146 main offices.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D08Proposals@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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Phone: 212-374-5159

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

February 15, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.
Bronx Success Academy 2 / P.S. 146 Edward Collins
968 Cauldwell Avenue
Bronx, NY 10456

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. 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.
Brooklyn Technical High School
29 Fort Greene Place
Brooklyn, NY 11217