Amended Notice
January 14, 2011

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Chancellor

The Amended Proposal to Phase-out P.S. 114 Ryder Elementary (18K114)

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

P.S. 114 Ryder Elementary (18K114, "P.S. 114") is an existing zoned elementary school located at 1077 Remsen Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11236, in Community School District 18, in Building K114 ("K114"). It currently serves students in Kindergarten through fifth grade and offers a full-day Pre-Kindergarten program. On December 17, 2010, the New York City Department of Education ("DOE") published an Educational Impact Statement ("EIS") proposing to phase out and eventually close P.S. 114 based on its poor performance, and the DOE's assessment that the school lacks capacity to turn around quickly to better support student needs. On December 29, 2010, the DOE amended this EIS to correct typographical errors and formatting, delete a redundant table and correct two erroneous references to the District 19 Middle School Choice process instead of the District 18 process. On January 12, 2011, the DOE published a revised EIS, which modifies the proposed phase-out enrollment plan for P.S. 114 which was initially described in the original EIS published on December 17, 2010. In addition, the revised EIS identifies the charter school that will open in K114 in 2011-2012, clarifies text and footnotes related to building capacity and utilization, includes information related to charters occupying DOE space, includes 2010-2011 un-audited register information, and includes estimated 2010-2011 building utilization rates. The notice published on January 12 also changed the date of the joint public hearing from January 24 to January 28, 2011. This amended EIS corrects one erroneous mention of the State Education Department ("SED") as the charter authorizer, and clarifies that the lottery priority for Explore would give preference to students who currently attend a school that is phasing out or where phase-out has been proposed in an EIS issued by the DOE.

If this proposal were approved, P.S. 114 would no longer admit Kindergarten, first, second, or third grade students or offer a Pre-Kindergarten program after the conclusion of the 2010-2011 school year. Current students in grades three and four will continue to be served by P.S. 114 and be supported as they progress toward completion of elementary school at P.S. 114 to middle school via the District 18 Middle School Choice Process. Current students in grade five will be supported in participating in the District 18 Middle School Choice Process consistent with current practice. In the 2012-2013 school year, P.S. 114 will only serve students in fifth grade. P.S. will complete its phase-out and close in June 2013.

Students in grades K-3 would be served in one of two new elementary schools that the DOE will propose to open in the P.S.114 building in a forthcoming Educational Impact Statement ("EIS"). The DOE will propose to open two elementary schools in the K114 building. One of these schools–P.S. 521 (18K521 or "P.S. 521")–would be a zoned school and will most likely offer a pre-kindergarten program. The other school will be a new charter school, Explore Charter

School ("Explore"),that will serve kindergarten through fifth grade students and will provide a preference to District 18 students.

In 2009-2010, K114 had a target capacity to serve 986 students, and the building enrolled 844 students, yielding a target building utilization rate of 86%. If the DOE's proposal to phase-out P.S. 114 and its proposal to phase-in P.S. 521 and Explore are accepted, P.S. 114 will begin phasing out in 2011-2012 and P.S. 521 and Explore will begin phasing in that year.

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

The amended Educational Impact Statement can be found on the Department of Education's Web site:
http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2010-2011/Feb32011Proposals

Copies of the amended EIS are also available in P.S. 114's main office.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D18Proposals@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: Gentian Falstrom
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Email: D18Proposals@schools.nyc.gov
Phone: 212-374-0208

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

January 28, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.
P.S. 114 Ryder Elementary
1077 Remsen Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11236

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 services, please contact Ms. Falstrom 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.

February 3, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.
Brooklyn Technical High School, 29 Fort Greene Place, Brooklyn, NY 11217