



Amended Notice
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The Proposed Phase-out of I.S. 231 Magnetech 2000 (29Q231)

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

I.S. 231 Magnetech 2000 (29Q231, “I.S. 231”) is an existing zoned middle school located at 145-00 Springfield Boulevard, Springfield Gardens, NY 11413, in Community School District 29, in Building Q231 (“Q231”). It currently serves students in grades six through eight. An Alternative Learning Center (Q987, “ALC”) is also located at Q231. 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 I.S. 231 based on its poor performance and the DOE’s assessment that the school lacks capacity to turn around quickly to better support student needs. This proposal was amended on January 25, 2011 to correct typographical and formatting errors, update certain past strategic improvement efforts at the school, clarify the methodology for calculating utilization rates, update the projected enrollments of P.S. 355 and P.S. 356, and update plans for the siting of the ALC currently located in the Q231 building. This amended notice contains a new date for when the Panel for Educational Policy will vote on this proposal.

If this phase-out proposal is approved, I.S. 231 would no longer admit sixth-grade students after the conclusion of the 2010-2011 school year. Current students in grades six and seven will continue to be served by I.S. 231 and be supported as they progress toward completion of middle school. Current students in grade eight will be supported in using the High School Admissions Process to select a high school as anticipated. The school will serve one grade less each subsequent year until it completes phasing out in June 2013. In 2011-2012 students in grade six would be served in one of the new zoned middle schools proposed to be opened in Q231, as described in more detail below and proposed in a separate amended EIS posted on January 25, 2011. Current fifth graders zoned to I.S. 231 would be accepted to sixth grade based on a campus choice model: all students currently zoned to I.S. 231 would be zoned to the Q231 campus and would be guaranteed a seat in one of the two new schools proposed. These students would use a middle school choice model to apply to the proposed new schools.

In 2009-2010, Q231 had a target capacity to serve 1,226 students. I.S. 231 had a target capacity to serve 1,134 students and enrolled 931 students, yielding a target organizational utilization of 82%, which does not include the ALC. This means that the building was slightly “underutilized” and had extra space to accommodate additional students.

As noted above, in a separate EIS, the DOE has also proposed the siting of two new unscreened, zoned middle schools in Q231, I.S. 355 (29Q355, "I.S. 355") and I.S. 356 (29Q356, "I.S. 356"), which will both serve grades six through eight when fully phased in.

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

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

A copy of the amended EIS is also available in the main office of I.S. 231.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D29Proposals@schools.nyc.gov.

Oral comments can be left at 212-374-7621.

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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Address: 52 Chambers Street, New York, NY 10007
Email: D29Proposals@schools.nyc.gov
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V. Date, time and place of joint public hearing for this proposal.

January 26, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.
I.S. 231 Magnetech 2000
145-00 Springfield Boulevard,
Springfield Gardens, NY 11413

Questions about the proposal should be directed as indicated in section IV 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