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**NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION - DIVISION OF
PORTFOLIO PLANNING**

**Grade Expansion of 24Q199 from K-4
to K-5 and Temporary Re-siting from
Q777 to Q343/Q313**

April 10, 2014

5:30 p.m.

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2 MS. MADELINE CHAN: Ms. Avis, you okay - -?
3 This is being videotaped? Good evening,
4 everyone. This is a joint public hearing of the
5 Department of Education, Community Education
6 Council, and School Leadership Team for the
7 proposed grade expansion of P.S. 199, Maurice A.
8 Fitzgerald, 24Q199, from a K to four school to a
9 K to five school, and the temporary re-siting
10 and co-location of a portion of P.S. 199,
11 24Q199, with P.S. 343, the Children's Lab
12 School, 24Q343, in new building Q313, beginning
13 in the 2014-2015 school year. I am the District
14 24 community superintendent, Madeline Chan. We
15 have asked the District 24 Community Education
16 Council and P.S. 199's School Leadership Team to
17 participate in this joint public hearing. I am
18 joined tonight by Arlette Wisniewski [phonetic]
19 and Julia Turbin [phonetic] from the SLT, and
20 Denise Vasquez from the CEC, as well as
21 Principal Inzerillo, network - -, cluster
22 representative Conteras [phonetic], Emily Dias
23 [phonetic] from Portfolio, Dr. Petro Rivera
24 [phonetic] from FACE, and our DFA, Eleanor
25 McNamee [phonetic]. This hearing is being audio

1 and video-recorded. The purpose of this
2 hearing is for you to provide comments about the
3 proposal. Before I describe the proposal, I
4 want to make sure you are all aware of the
5 opportunity to provide your input. All those
6 who wish to speak must sign up in the speaker
7 signup area, located just outside the
8 auditorium. The signup list will close in a few
9 moments. Speakers will be given the floor in
10 the order that they signed up. All comments are
11 limited to two minutes. There may be elected
12 officials who arrive at different times
13 throughout the evening. If they wish to speak,
14 we will do our best to accommodate them at the
15 first opportune moment. Those who are here at
16 the start of the public comments segment will be
17 asked to speak first. All comments will be
18 mentioned in the analysis of public comments, to
19 be published and provided to the Panel for
20 Educational Policy the evening before the panel
21 votes. That vote has been rescheduled for May
22 29th, 2014. In addition, we welcome any comments
23 and feedback you may have at any time before the
24 panel votes on May 29th on this proposal. The
25 email address and phone number where comments

1 may be made are D24proposals@schools.nyc.gov.

2 The phone number is (212) 374-7621. I will now

3 read the proposal summary. This is a proposal

4 that involves both a grade expansion and a re-

5 siting of P.S. 199. P.S. 199 is an existing

6 zoned elementary school that currently serves

7 kindergarten through fourth grade in main

8 building 2199, and transportable classroom units

9 2938 at 3920 48th Ave., Queens, New York, 11104,

10 St. Raphael's Annex Q841, at 48-25 37th St.,

11 Queens, New York, 11101, where it shares space

12 with P.S. 110. And lastly, St. Teresa's Annex,

13 Q777, at 50-15 44th St., Queens, New York, 11377.

14 In the spring of 2013, the School Construction

15 Authority, SCA, approved the renovation of the

16 St. Teresa's building following the 2013-2014

17 school year. The renovated St. Teresa's

18 building has a design capacity of approximately

19 256 seats. The completion date for the

20 renovation of the St. Teresa's building is to be

21 determined. Because of the construction, the

22 DOE determined that it's necessary to re-site a

23 portion of P.S. 199 to the annex in new building

24 Q313. Building Q313 is located at 45-46 42nd

25 St., Queens, New York, 11104, and it is

1 approximately 0.3 miles from building Q199. If
2 this proposal is approved, a portion of P.S. 199
3 will be re-sited to the Q313 building and co-
4 located with P.S. 343 for the 2014-2015 school
5 year. P.S. 343 is a new, zoned elementary
6 school that is anticipated to open in building
7 Q313 in 2014-2015, and will phase in one grade
8 per year to serve students in kindergarten
9 through fifth grade when it is at full scale.
10 It is the current intention of P.S. 199's
11 administration to serve some kindergarten and
12 first grade students in Q313. However, the
13 grades in which students are served in Q313 is
14 at the discretion of the school leadership, and
15 is subject to change. Students are not expected
16 to travel back and forth between buildings
17 during the school day as a result of the
18 proposal. The P.S. 199 students at issue will
19 be served exclusively in Q313 during the regular
20 school day. The DOE anticipates that P.S. 199
21 will not need space in Q313 after the 2014-15
22 school year, since the DOE intends to propose to
23 re-site P.S. 110 from the St. Raphael's Annex to
24 new building Q315, located at 96-18 43rd Ave.,
25 Queens, New York, 11368. This will take place

1 in 2015-2016, and will provide space for P.S.
2 199 to use the St. Raphael's Annex exclusively.
3 Transportation will continue to be provided
4 according to transit's regulation A801. The DOE
5 is also proposing to expand P.S. 199 to serve
6 students in kindergarten through fifth grade,
7 beginning in the 2014-2015 school year. Fourth
8 graders from P.S. 199 currently articulate to
9 I.S. 125 for fifth grade. The DOE is proposing
10 a grade truncation for I.S. 125, so that the
11 school could serve students in sixth through
12 eighth grades, beginning in the 2014-2015 school
13 year. This proposed grade expansion which was
14 developed in collaboration with the school
15 leadership, provides the opportunity for P.S.
16 199's elementary students to remain at P.S. 199
17 across the elementary school grades, as well as
18 transition into middle school in the sixth
19 grade, along with their District 24 peers. The
20 DOE does not anticipate this proposal will
21 prevent P.S. 199 from continuing to offer any
22 particular academic or extracurricular programs
23 that are currently offered at the school. With
24 respect to academics, P.S. 199 will continue to
25 offer all necessary classes to support current

1 students as they work to meet promotional
2 requirements. So that is the end of the
3 proposal summary. I'm going to ask the panel if
4 anyone would like to present at this time. May
5 I have the signup sheet, please? Since there
6 are no formal presentations, we're going to go
7 right to the sign-in sheet, and I will call you
8 in the order that you signed up. Again, as a
9 reminder, two minutes speaking time please.
10 Veronica Mattes [phonetic]? Why don't you take
11 my microphone?

12 MS. VERONICA MATTES: Good evening, parents.
13 My name is Veronica Mattes. I'm on the PTA at
14 P.S. 199, and I want - - with what I said on
15 Monday, for the parents that weren't here. I
16 speak up for the parents of this school. We
17 gladly accept the expansion to fifth grade. We
18 are happy to have it, the expansion. And
19 basically, we do not want to lose the annexes,
20 St. Teresa's or St. Raphael's. We've had a
21 partnership with them for ten years, over ten
22 years. And we don't feel that district lines
23 should be crossed in any way. And we should
24 have the option to keep our annexes. Our
25 parents are comfortable with them. And if

1 you're going to start a fifth grade here, we
2 would like to keep them if the option is left to
3 us, that it is left open and we renovate after
4 school. And we would like to also get - -
5 possible, and also receive 100K-plus to start a
6 fifth grade. And we've discussed it amongst the
7 parents here, and parents that are not here.
8 And we would like our wishes to be met because
9 we are busting at the seams here. We're
10 overcrowded, and we should get first option.
11 And that's what I want the DOE and the Board of
12 Ed and everyone to know. Thank you very much.

13 MS. CHAN: Thank you very much for your
14 comment. So Miss Mattes was the only person who
15 signed up, so the speaker list is now exhausted.
16 Again, we welcome any comments and feedback you
17 may have at any time before the May 29th Panel
18 for Educational Policy votes on this proposal.
19 The email address and phone number once again
20 where comments may be made are
21 D24proposals@schools.nyc.gov, (212) 374-7621. I
22 thank everyone for their participation. This
23 joint public hearing is now closed.

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Signature *Aime Coleman*

Date April 15, 2014