



Public Comment Analysis

Date: May 22, 2012

Topic: Revised Proposed Re-siting of a District 75 School, 75K053, to Building K422
Beginning in the 2012-2013 School Year

Date of Panel Vote: May 23, 2012

Summary of Proposal

On March 21, 2012, the Panel for Educational Policy (“PEP”) approved a proposal to re-site one site of a multi-site District 75 school (75K053) that currently serves 368 students who are Emotionally Disabled (“ED”), Hearing Impaired (“HI”) or Deaf, Intellectually Disabled (“ID”), have Multiple Disabilities (“MD”), Learning Disabilities (“LD”), or are Autistic in kindergarten through twelfth grade. These students are served in 12:1:1, 12:1:4, 9:1 inclusion, 8:1 inclusion and 6:1:1 settings. The site that the PEP approved to re-site is P053K@K838 which is currently located in school building K838 (“K838”) located at 720 Livonia Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11207 in Community School District 19. Currently, P053K@K838 is not co-located with any other school organization. P053K@K838 has been approved to be re-sited to school building K422 (“K422”) located at 1065 Elton Street, Brooklyn, NY 11208 in Community School District 19, which is a newly constructed facility with space designed specifically for use by a District 75 program. This re-siting was approved for implementation beginning in the 2012-2013 school year.

The New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) has revised the above-described proposal. As described in the revised Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”), the DOE has revised the number of classes currently enrolled at P053K@K838 that are proposed to be re-sited to K422 in 2012-2013. The DOE has prepared this revision in direct response to community feedback and the concerns raised by the P053K@K838 community about being re-located to multiple locations, rather than maintaining the cohesive school community that has been built at P053K@K838.

K422 is a new building, designed to house two secondary schools serving students in grades six through twelve and a District 75 program. The building is expected to become available for use by September 2012. On January 18, 2012 the PEP approved the DOE’s proposal to re-site, expand, and co-locate Academy for Young Writers (14K404), an existing high school currently located in Community School District 14, with Spring Creek Community School (19K422), a new secondary school, and a District 75 program in K422 beginning in the 2012-2013 school year. The DOE is now proposing that P053K@K838 be the District 75 program to be sited in K422, which represents the DOE’s complete plan for utilizing the newly constructed K422

building.

75K053 is currently located at seven separate sites throughout Brooklyn, including P053K@K838. The other six sites are: P053K@1088K located at 544 Seventh Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11215; P053K@P104K located at 9115 Fifth Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11209; P053K@Abraham Lincoln High School located at 2800 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, NY 11235; P053K@Kingsboro High School located at 1830 Shore Boulevard, Brooklyn, NY 11235; P053K@I296K located at 125 Covert Street, Brooklyn, NY 11207; and P053K@P384K located at 242 Cooper Street, Brooklyn, NY 11207.

P053K@K838 currently offers six ID and LD 12:1:1 classes, five MD 12:1:4 classes, and two ID and Autism 6:1:1 classes. The proposal approved by the PEP authorized the re-siting of eight of P053K@K838's classes to K422. Specifically, three ID and LD 12:1:1 classes and five MD 12:1:4 classes currently served by P053K@K838 at K838 have been approved to be re-sited to K422.

As discussed in the original EIS, 75K053 also intended to move one of the ID and LD 12:1:1 classes currently served at P053K@K838 to P053K@1088K and two ID and Autism 6:1:1 classes currently served at P053K@K838 to P053K@Kingsboro High School. The revised EIS proposes that these three sections of students currently enrolled at the P053K@K838 location also be re-sited to K422 in 2012-2013 with the eight sections that were already approved by the PEP to be re-sited.

While the eleven sections described above will be re-sited to K422 under the revised proposal, when the students in three of the sections graduate in the coming years, District 75 does not intend to replace those classes with new enrollees in K422. District 75 projects that the one ID and LD 12:1:1 class it intended to move to P053K@1088K will graduate at the conclusion of the 2012-2013 school year. It also projects that one of the ID and LD 12:1:1 class already approved to be re-sited to K422 will graduate at the conclusion of the 2014-2015 school year. Finally, District 75 projects that one of the ID and Autism 6:1:1 classes it intended to move to P053K@Kingsboro High School will graduate at the conclusion of the 2015-2016 school year. Therefore, by the beginning of the 2016-2017 school year, District 75 projects that eight classes of students will be served at K422.

There is sufficient space at K422 to accommodate these additional sections in the 2012-2013 through 2015-2016 school years pursuant to the Citywide Instructional Footprint while Spring Creek Community School and Academy for Young Writers complete their expected expansions.

As discussed in the original EIS, District 75 projects that one of the two remaining ID and LD 12:1:1 classes will graduate, and the other will articulate into the District 75 Brooklyn Transition Center, a vocational program of the District 75 school 75K373 designed for students over the age of 18. The revised EIS does not affect these projections.

The revised proposal also does not affect any of the six other sites of 75K053. Rather than moving existing sections of 75K053 to P053K@1088K and P053K@Kingsboro High School, District 75 now expects to increase the enrollment at these two sites in 2012-2013 in scale

approximate with the number of students it previously intended to move from P053K@K838.

This revised EIS includes the following modifications:

- All eleven classes of P053K@K838 will be served in K422 beginning in 2012-2013. As students graduate out of the program, District 75 will decrease the number of sections served at K422 from 11 to 8 by the 2016-2017 school year.
- Rather than moving existing sections of 75K053 to P053K@1088K and P053K@Kingsboro High School, District 75 now expects to increase the enrollment at these two sites in 2012-2013 in scale approximate with the number of students it previously intended to move from P053K@K838.
- This revised proposal also does not affect any of the six other sites of 75K053

Copies of the revised EIS are available in the main office of of P053K@K838. The revised EIS can also be found online here:

<http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2011-2012/May2012Proposals.htm>

Summary of Comments Received at the Joint Public Hearing for the Original Proposal

A joint public hearing regarding the original proposal was held at K838 on March 9, 2012. At the hearing, interested parties had an opportunity to provide input on the proposal.

Approximately 90 members of the public attended the hearing and 32 attendees spoke. The analysis of public comments received regarding the original proposal is available at:

http://schools.nyc.gov/NR/rdonlyres/938CCA63-7D38-4CD6-9751-537F88BCC560/121993/P053KResitePCA_vFINAL.pdf

Summary of Comments Received at the Joint Public Hearing for the Revised Proposal

The DOE held a joint public hearing regarding the revised proposal at K838 on May 14, 2012. At the hearing, interested parties had an opportunity to provide input on the revised proposal. Approximately 10 members of the public attended the hearing, and no members of the public spoke. Present at the meeting were: the Chancellor's Designee, Gary Hecht, District 75 Superintendent; District 19 Community Education Council ("CEC") representative Erica Perez; and Principal Leykam, Maria Garcia, and Pierre Labissiere of 75K053's School Leadership Team ("SLT").

The following comments and remarks about the proposal:

1. CEC 19 representative Erica Perez expressed her support for the proposal.

Summary of Issues Raised in Written and/or Oral Comments Submitted to the DOE

No public comments were received via phone or email.

Analysis of Issues Raised, Significant Alternatives Proposed and Changes Made to the Proposal

Comment 1 is in support of the revised proposal and, therefore, does not require analysis.

Changes Made to the Proposal

No changes have been made to this proposal.