



Revised Notice
April 26, 2010

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Chancellor

Notice of Revised Educational Impact Statement: Grade Expansion of Queens Gateway to Health Sciences Secondary School (28Q680)

I. Description of the subject, purpose and substance of the proposed item under consideration and identification of all substantial revisions to the item.

On March 5, 2010, the Department of Education (“DOE”) published an Educational Impact Statement setting forth a proposal to implement a grade reconfiguration plan to expand Queens Gateway’s current grade configuration to 6-12 in the 2010-2011 school year. The Educational Impact Statement was amended on April 13, 2010 to include additional information about: 1) the District 75 program that will be co-located with Queens Gateway in the new building; 2) the potential allocation of space in the building; and 3) the zoned K-6 elementary schools and choice options in District 28 and 29. After receiving feedback from the community, the DOE has decided to revise the proposal. Rather than implement the grade reconfiguration at Queen’s Gateway in the 2010-2011 school year, the grade reconfiguration to expand the school to 6-12 will occur in the 2011-2012 school year. This will allow Queens Gateway to have more time to plan for the addition of grade 6, and will also provide ample notice of the grade reconfiguration to all students and families in the 5th grade in Districts 28 and 29.

In the 2011-2012 school year, Queens Gateway to Health Sciences Secondary School (28Q680, “Queens Gateway”), an existing school that serves grades 7-12, will implement a grade reconfiguration plan to expand its current grade configuration to 6-12. Queens Gateway is currently located in school building Q680, located at 150-91 87 Road, Queens in Community School District 28 (“District 28”). However, prior to the start of the 2010-2011 school year, construction of Queens Gateway’s new facility will be completed and the school will move to the new facility, school building Q695 (hereinafter referred to as “Q695”), which is located at 160-20 Goethals Avenue, Queens in District 28. A District 75 program, P752Q (75Q752, or “P752Q”), will be co-located with Queens Gateway in Q695 (“P752Q @Q695”). P752Q is an existing District 75 School serving a total of 398 students in grades 9-12 in 5 sites in District 24 and 28 in Queens, as outlined below:

Site	Name	Address	City
28Q752	P752Q @ Queens School For Career Dev.	142-10 Linden Blvd.	Jamaica
28Q690	P752Q @ H.S. Law Enforcement & P.S.	116-26 Guy Brewer Blvd	Jamaica
24Q744	P752Q @ P744 East Elmhurst Campus	45-10 94th Street	Queens
28Q620	P752Q @ Thomas Edison H.S.	165-65 84th Avenue	Jamaica
24Q293	P752Q @ Civil Leadership Academy	45-10 94th Street	Queens

P752Q@Q695 will be sited in Q695 beginning in 2010-2011 and will serve new and existing students in grades 9-12 classified as emotionally disturbed or developmentally delayed on their Individualized Education Program. New construction sites, like Q695, designate specific space in their construction plans for District 75 programs. P752Q@Q695 has been allocated 7 full size rooms in the Q695 building that will be used to serve approximately 40-72 students. In 2010-2011, P752Q@Q695 will serve 42 students, consisting of 5 sections of 6:1:1 high school autistic students and one section of alternate assessment 12:1:1 high school students. The 6:1:1 sections will be populated by 23 students that are already on the P752Q register and will be moving to Q695 from the P752Q main site at Q752, and 7 students that are District 75 students within other Queens organizations articulating to high school aged programs. The 12:1:1 section will be made up of students that are from other District 75 organizations and are articulating to Q695 for their high school program. In 2011-2012, P752Q@Q695 will continue to serve 40-72 students in 6 sections in 7 full size rooms, although the composition of the sections (6:1:1 vs. 12:1:1) may shift slightly depending on the needs and referrals of District 75.

The Q695 building has a capacity of 805, no target utilization rate is available because the building has not been completed and is not currently occupied by a school. Q695 has sufficient space for Queens Gateway and P752Q@Q695 to operate at full organizational capacity with the grade expansion of Queens Gateway. The projected at scale enrollment of Queens Gateway and P752Q@Q695 is approximately 775-800 students. The Department of Education (“DOE”) reaffirms the commitment made by Deputy Mayor Dennis M. Walcott to the community, including Queens Community Board No. 8, in 2007 to cap enrollment in the Q695 building at 800. With the addition of the 6th grade at Queens Gateway, the combined enrollment of Queens Gateway and P752Q@Q695 will not exceed 800 students.

For the 2010-2011 school year, Queens Gateway will continue to serve grades 7-12 in Q695. Beginning in 2011-2012, Queens Gateway will add grade 6 and will serve grades 6-12. The grade expansion of Queens Gateway will create approximately 80 new grade 6 seats in District 28.

This proposal addresses the need to create grade alignment and to increase access to high quality middle school options in District 28.

II. Summary of all public comments received following the initial public notice.

The public comments received thus far via e-mail and telephone can be summarized as follows:

- The proposal will lead to grade continuity, foster good relationships with other school, and it reduce class size.

- Behind the scenes, the school is discussing creation of small learning academies and starting a school uniform policy. The commenter is concerned that there is no 6th grade plan. An Assistant Principal at Queens Gateway is retiring thus causing more turmoil at the school.
- Staff at Queens Gateway did not know about the grade reconfiguration proposal. At a faculty meeting at the beginning of March, staff at the school were encouraged to support the grade reconfiguration, which one commenter felt was unreasonable and unfair.
- The DOE does not appear to have acted in accordance with the Chancellor's regulations since the SLT, staff and the administration at Queens Gateway were not consulted or contacted prior to the DOE's decision to include a grade 6 at the school.
- Several e-mails noted that the school should be given time to settle into its new location before adding 6th graders.
- A few commenters were happy to see a 6th grade added to the school. Queens Gateway is an excellent school and seems to be efficiently operated.

Comments received at the joint public hearing on April 13, 2010 can be summarized as follows:

- A community board member noted that the DOE, Deputy Mayor Dennis M. Walcott and various community stakeholders had engaged in discussions in 2007 regarding how the building would not exceed 800 students and how transportation in the area would not be negatively impacted by Queens Gateway's presence.
- The community is upset about Queens Gateway being located in their neighborhood. The expansion will cause transportation problems and bring in students from outside of the community.
- The process for engaging the parent leadership and school community was flawed.
- There are too many changes already for 2010-2011 (moving to a new building, being co-located with a District 75 program, and implementing new learning academies) and the addition of grade 6 is too much.
- There is no instructional plan in place to serve the 6th grade students.
- If the proposal is approved the school should be capped at 800.

The following alternatives have been suggested:

- Schools that changed their configurations to include 6th grades in 2010-2011 should leave at least one class open for next year's 2011-2012 incoming 7th grades. These schools can admit 7th graders this year to reach full capacity.
- Adjust the proposal to add grade 6 for implementation in the 2011-2012 school year, which would allow for more time to plan for the grade expansion.

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

The Revised [Educational Impact Statement](#) can be found on the Department of Education's Web site:

http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/March12010_May182010

Copies of the Revised Educational Impact Statement can also be obtained at Queens Gateway to Health Sciences Secondary School and the District 28 office.

IV. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D28Proposals@schools.nyc.gov.

Oral comments can be left at 718-935-4198.

V. 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.

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

May 11, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.
150-91 87 Road, Queens

There will be no question and answer period. 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.

VI. Date, time and place of the PEP meeting at which the Board will vote on the proposed item.

May 18, 2010
6:00 p.m.
Long Island City High School
14-30 Broadway, Queens