



Notice
March 6, 2015

**Department of
Education**

Carmen Fariña, Chancellor

The Proposed Temporary Co-Location of Grades 3-5 of Success Academy Charter School – Bronx 3 (84X380) with Existing Schools J.H.S. 145 Arturo Toscanini (09X145), Urban Science Academy (09X325), and New Millennium Business Academy Middle School (09X328) in Building X145 Beginning in the 2015-2016 School Year

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

The New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) is proposing to temporarily co-locate grades three through five of Success Academy Charter School – Bronx 3 (84X380, “SA – Bronx 3”) with J.H.S. 145 Arturo Toscanini (09X145, “J.H.S. 145”), Urban Science Academy (09X325, “Urban Science Academy”), and New Millennium Business Academy Middle School (09X328, “New Millennium Academy”) in building X145 (“X145”), located at 1000 Teller Avenue, Bronx, NY 10456 in Community School District 9 (“District 9”), for three years beginning in the 2015-2016 school year. J.H.S. 145, New Millennium Academy, and Urban Science Academy are each existing district middle schools that serve grades six through eight. X145 also houses an Alternate Learning Center (88X985, “ALC M.S. 145”), which provides an educational setting for students in grades six through eight who are on a Superintendent’s suspension for up to 90 days. SA – Bronx 3 is an existing public charter elementary school currently serving students in kindergarten through second grade in building X146 (“X146”) at 968 Cauldwell Avenue, Bronx, NY 10456, in Community School District 8 (“District 8”).

SA – Bronx 3 is currently co-located with P.S. 146 Edward Collins in the X146 building, where there is insufficient space for the siting of SA – Bronx 3’s grades three through five. Pursuant to recent amendments to the Education Law which provide certain new and expanding charter schools with access to facilities, SA – Bronx 3 requested co-located space for its third through eighth grades within a DOE facility. The DOE is proposing to site grades three through five in the X145 building, which has sufficient space for these grades and is located just 0.6 miles from the X146 building. If this proposal is approved, SA – Bronx 3 would offer grades kindergarten through two in the X146 building and grades three through five in the X145 building. The DOE supports the placement of SA – Bronx 3 in the X145 building in District 9 so that current SA – Bronx 3 students can continue their education through fifth grade in a building near their current site.

Success Academy Charter Schools (“SACS”) is a charter management organization (“CMO”) that currently operates elementary, middle, and high schools, including SA – Bronx 3, in New

York City. SA – Bronx 3 is a charter school that opened in the 2013-2014 school year, is currently serving students in kindergarten through second grade in X146, and plans to expand to serve students in grades kindergarten through twelve. The school’s charter was authorized in the 2012-2013 school year by the State University of New York Trustees (“SUNY”). In an Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) approved by the Panel for Educational Policy (“PEP”) on December 20, 2012, the DOE noted that it would consider options to accommodate the siting of grades three through five. That EIS can be accessed on the DOE’s Web site at: <http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2012-2013/Dec2012Proposals.htm>.

J.H.S. 145, Urban Science Academy, and New Millennium Academy are part of the School Renewal Program, which will result in the schools becoming Community Schools. This proposal will not impact the schools’ participation in the School Renewal Program. J.H.S. 145, Urban Science Academy, and New Millennium Academy will each adopt a Community School model beginning in the 2015-2016 school year. While the DOE does not expect this proposal to impact any tailored ancillary services, extended instruction time, or other additional resources the schools may receive as a result of the School Renewal Program and the schools’ designations as Community Schools, the DOE will re-evaluate the space allocations outlined in the Building Utilization Plan (“BUP”) for this proposal after the schools’ particular Community School models are developed. If this proposal is approved by the PEP, the DOE will continue to work closely with each school community to ensure all students receive the individualized support they need.

Building X145 has the capacity to serve 1,737 students. Currently, the building serves approximately 920 students, yielding a utilization rate of 53%. The DOE strives to ensure that all students in New York City have access to a diverse range of high-quality schools at every stage of their education. To this end, the DOE evaluates public school buildings throughout the City that are “under-utilized,” meaning they have space to accommodate additional students. Building X145 is currently under-utilized. Therefore, the DOE is proposing to co-locate SA – Bronx 3 with J.H.S. 145, Urban Science Academy, New Millennium Academy, and ALC M.S. 145 in X145 for three years, at which point SA – Bronx 3’s co-location at X145 will be re-evaluated. The temporary co-location of SA – Bronx 3 in X145 is intended to ensure that current SA – Bronx 3 students can continue their education through fifth grade in a building near their current site.

If this proposal is approved, SA – Bronx 3 will be temporarily co-located with J.H.S. 145, Urban Science Academy, New Millennium Academy, and ALC M.S. 145 in X145 beginning in the 2015-2016 school year. SA – Bronx 3 will add one grade per year until it reaches its full complement of grades in the X145 building, serving third through fifth grades in 2017-2018. In 2017-2018, when SA – Bronx 3 is at full scale in X145, approximately 1,070 – 1,280 students will be served in the X145 building by J.H.S. 145, Urban Science Academy, New Millennium Academy, ALC M.S. 145, and SA – Bronx 3, yielding a projected utilization rate of 62%-74%, which demonstrates that there is sufficient space for the co-location. If approved, before the end of the temporary three-year co-location, the DOE will re-evaluate this proposal to determine the long-term siting location for SA – Bronx 3. This includes the possibility of SA – Bronx 3 students remaining at the X145 building for grades three through five or all or part of these grades moving to a new site. Any resulting significant changes to school utilization will be

described in a future EIS and will be subject to separate approval by the PEP in accordance with Chancellor's Regulation A-190.

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

The Educational Impact Statement ("EIS") and Building Utilization Plan ("BUP") can be found on the DOE's Web site: <http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2014-2015/April2015SchoolProposals>.

Copies of the EIS and BUP are also available in the main offices of J.H.S. 145, Urban Science Academy, New Millennium Academy, and ALC M.S. 145.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D09Proposals@schools.nyc.gov.

Oral comments can be left at 212-374-5159.

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.

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

April 16, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.
X145 Building
1000 Teller Avenue
Bronx, NY 10456

Questions about the proposal should 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 Panel for Educational Policy meeting at which the Panel will vote on the proposed item.

April 29, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

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