



**Department of
Education**

Carmen Fariña, Chancellor

Notice
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The Proposed Opening and Co-location of a New Pre-Kindergarten Program Operated by DREAM Charter School (84M382) with Existing Schools P.S. 50 Vito Marcantonio (04M050) and New York Center for Autism Charter School (84M337) in Building M050 Beginning in 2015-2016

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

The New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) is proposing to site a new, full-day pre-kindergarten program operated by DREAM Charter School (84M382, “DREAM”), in building M050 (“M050”), located at 433 East 100th Street, New York, NY 10029, in Community School District 4 (“District 4”) beginning in the 2015-2016 school year. DREAM’s pre-kindergarten program (“DREAM’s Pre-K”) would be co-located in M050 with P.S. 50 Vito Marcantonio (04M050, “P.S. 50”), an existing district school that serves students in kindergarten through eighth grades, and New York Center for Autism Charter School (84M337, “NYCACs”), an existing charter school that serves students with disabilities aged five to nineteen. M050 also contains a community-based organization (“CBO”), Children’s Aid Society (“CAS”).

DREAM currently serves students in kindergarten through seventh grade across two sites. DREAM’s kindergarten through second grade students are currently served in M050, while DREAM’s third through seventh grade students are served in building M121 (“M121”), located at 232 East 103rd Street, New York, NY 10029 also in District 4. DREAM’s third through seventh grades are co-located with P.S. 38 Roberto Clemente (04M038) in M121. Construction is underway on a new, non-DOE-operated facility for DREAM that is slated for student occupancy by August 2015. As set forth in previously posted proposals, beginning in the 2015-2016 school year, DREAM will begin serving its kindergarten through eighth grade in its new private space, and will vacate the space it currently occupies in buildings M121 and M050.

This proposal stems from the City of New York’s initiative to expand the Universal Pre-Kindergarten (“Pre-K”) program to ensure that every four-year-old has access to high-quality, full-day Pre-K. DREAM Charter School became eligible to offer the Pre-K for All program to four-year-olds as part of the 2014 Education Law §3602-ee(3)(a), which provides that “The universal full-day pre-kindergarten program shall make awards to (i)

consolidated applications submitted by school districts which include pre-kindergarten programs offered by schools, non-profit organizations, community-based organizations, charter schools, libraries and/or museums, which shall demonstrate geographic diversity within the area to be served as well as diversity of providers...” The DOE released a Request for Proposals (“RFP”) for charter schools interested in partnering with the DOE to offer Pre-K. DREAM submitted a proposal to offer Pre-K through this procurement process; however, the school lacks space to serve Pre-K in its new building. The DOE is now proposing to site DREAM’s Pre-K in M050 beginning in the 2015-2016 school year.

P.S. 50 has been designated a Community School under the School Renewal Program. This proposal will not impact the school’s participation in the School Renewal Program. While the DOE does not expect this proposal to impact any tailored ancillary services, extended instruction time, or other additional resources P.S. 50 may receive as a result of the School Renewal Program and the school’s designation as a Community School, the DOE will re-evaluate the space allocations outlined in the accompanying Building Utilization Plan (“BUP”) after the school’s particular Community School model is developed. If this proposal is approved by the PEP, the DOE will continue to work closely with the P.S. 50 community to ensure all students receive the individualized support they need.

During the current 2014-2015 school year, M050 serves 517 students, yielding a building utilization rate of 81%. If this proposal is approved and pending budget negotiations when DREAM’s kindergarten through second grade students have moved out of M050 and when DREAM’s Pre-K opens in the building in 2015-2016, DREAM will serve approximately 36 students in a full-day Pre-K program. At that time, the building will serve approximately 326-426 students enrolled in P.S. 50, NYCACS and DREAM’s Pre-K, resulting in a projected utilization rate of 51%-66%. Thus, the DOE believes that there is sufficient space to accommodate P.S. 50, NYCACS and DREAM’s Pre-K in building M050, if this proposal is approved and pending budget negotiations.

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 DREAM, P.S. 50, and NYCACS

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D04Proposals@schools.nyc.gov.

Oral comments can be left at 212-374-3466.

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: Kia Higgins
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V. Date, time and place of joint public hearings for this proposal.

April 15, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.
Building M050
433 East 100 Street
New York, NY 10029

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.
M.S. 131
100 Hester Street
New York, NY 10002