



Notice
August 26, 2011

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Chancellor

The Proposed Grade Expansion of P.S. 326 (22K326) to a K-2 School in 2012-2013

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

P.S. 326 (22K326, “P.S. 326”) is an existing zoned elementary school located in building K852 at 1800 Utica Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11234, in Community School District 22. P.S. 326 is an early childhood center, and it currently serves students in kindergarten through first grade, and it also offers a pre-kindergarten program. Early childhood centers are small elementary schools that focus on early childhood education, typically kindergarten through second grade. This is a proposal to implement a “grade expansion,” whereby P.S. 326 would expand to serve students in kindergarten through second grade (“K-2”) at full scale. If the proposal is approved, P.S. 326 would begin enrolling second grade students for the 2012-2013 school year. The Department of Education (“DOE”) does not anticipate that the proposed expansion of P.S. 326 would affect its pre-kindergarten program.

Currently, elementary students in District 22 can attend their zoned elementary schools or apply to citywide or district-wide Gifted and Talented programs through the Gifted and Talented application process. Under this proposal, elementary school students in District 22 would retain all of those options. As a result, students enrolled in P.S. 326 would be able to stay at P.S. 326 for second grade.

The proposal to expand P.S. 326 initially came from the school community. In May 2011, a grade expansion team composed of P.S. 326 teachers and administrators submitted a formal application to expand the grades served by the school. This grade expansion would allow P.S. 326 to serve second grade, which most DOE early childhood centers serve.

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

The Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) can be found on the Department of Education’s Web site: <http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2011-2012/Oct2011Proposals>.

Copies of the EIS are also available in P.S. 326’s main office.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D22Proposals@schools.nyc.gov.

Oral comments can be left at 212-374-0208.

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: Kim Wong
Office: Division of Portfolio Planning
Address: 52 Chambers Street, New York, NY 10007
Email: D22Proposals@schools.nyc.gov
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V. Date, time and place of joint public hearings for this proposal.

Thursday, October 6, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.
P.S. 326
1800 Utica Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11234

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.

October 12, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.
Bronx High School of Business
240 East 172 Street
Bronx, NY 10457