

The Proposed Opening and Co-Location of a New Site of a New District 75 School (75XTBD) with P.S. 42 Claremont (09X042) in Building X042, Beginning in 2014-2015

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

The New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) is proposing to open and co-locate one site of a new District 75 school (75XTBD, “PTBDX@X042”) in building X042 (“X042”). Building X042 is located at 1537 Washington Avenue, Bronx, NY 10457 in Community School District 9 (“District 9”). If this proposal is approved, PTBDX@X042 will be co-located with P.S. 42 Claremont (09X042, “P.S. 42”), an existing zoned elementary school serving students in kindergarten through fifth grades and offering a pre-kindergarten program. A “co-location” means that two or more school organizations are located in the same building and may share common spaces like auditoriums, gymnasiums, and cafeterias.

Based on projected need for District 75 seats, the District 75 office is seeking to increase its capacity to serve students with autism and intellectual disabilities within the Bronx. If this proposal is approved, the DOE will open a new site of a new District 75 school in the 2014-2015 school year to help meet growing demand for District 75 seats. PTBDX@X042 plans to serve a range of students across grades kindergarten through five who have been classified as autistic or intellectually disabled on their Individualized Education Programs (“IEP”). PTBDX@X042 is projected to serve eight sections of elementary school students in self-contained sections of 6:1:1, 8:1:1, or 12:1:1 classroom settings (ratio of students:teacher:paraprofessional). Students are placed in District 75 programs based on their individual needs and recommended special education services, and are referred to District 75 during a period that extends into summer. Students may be served in this program throughout the course of their elementary school education.

Building X042 also houses a community-based organization (“CBO”), Supportive Children’s Advocacy Network (“SCAN”), which provides enrichment activities and homework assistance for students after school hours. This proposal is not expected to impact the continued siting of this program in X042.

According to the 2012-2013 Enrollment, Capacity, Utilization Report (“Blue Book”), X042 has a target capacity of 717 students. (The concept of “target capacity” is explained in the proposal). During the 2013-2014 school year the building is serving 460 students, yielding an estimated building utilization rate of 64%. This means that the building is “under-utilized” and has space that could be used more efficiently to accommodate additional

students. In 2014-2015, when PTBDX@X042 opens, it is projected that there will be 474-582 students served in X042, yielding a building utilization rate of 66%-81%.

If this proposal is approved, PTBDX@X042 will open in September 2014 serving eight self-contained sections of elementary students, for a total of 48-96 students.

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: www.schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2013-2014/SchoolProposalsMay62014PEP.

Copies of the EIS are also available in P.S.42’s main office.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be submitted via email to: D09Proposals@schools.nyc.gov.

Oral comments can be left by phone 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 hearings for this proposal.

Monday, April 1, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.
Building X042
1537 Washington Avenue
Bronx, NY 10457

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.

VII. Date, time and place of the Panel for Educational Policy meeting at which the Panel will vote on the proposed item.

May 6, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.
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411 Pearl Street
New York, NY 10038