



**Department of
Education**

Carmen Fariña, Chancellor

Notice

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The Proposed Grade Truncation of I.S. 125 Thom J. McCann Woodside (24Q125) from a 5-8 School to a 6-8 School Beginning in the 2014-2015 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 implement a grade truncation of the fifth grade of I.S. 125 Thom J. McCann Woodside (24Q125, “I.S. 125”). I.S. 125 is a zoned middle school, which currently serves students in fifth through eighth grades in main building Q125, mini-building Q825, and Transportable Classroom Unit (“TCU”) Q947 located at 46-02 47th Street, Queens, NY 11377, in Community School District 24 (“District 24”). In Fall of 2013, the School Construction Authority (“SCA”) approved the removal of I.S. 125’s mini-building, Q825, following the 2013-2014 school year, to be replaced by the construction of a permanent addition for Q125 with a designed capacity of 655 seats. The permanent addition is projected to be completed for the 2017-2018 school year.

If this proposal is approved, I.S. 125 will no longer enroll fifth-grade students after the conclusion of the 2013-2014 school year. In 2014-2015 and beyond, I.S. 125 will continue serving students in grades sixth through eighth grade. Current students in grade five will continue to be served at I.S. 125 as sixth-grade students in the 2014-2015 school year. There may be cases where current fifth-grade students do not meet promotional requirements and must repeat the fifth grade, which will no longer be offered by I.S. 125 in the 2014-2015 school year. If an I.S. 125 fifth-grade student does not meet the promotional standards at the conclusion of the 2013-2014 school year and is required to repeat the grade in the 2014-2015 school year, then the student will be served at their zoned school.

The implementation of this proposal is contingent upon the approval of the grade expansion of P.S. 199 Maurice A. Fitzgerald (24Q199, “P.S. 199”), which the DOE is proposing concurrent to this proposal. If the proposal to expand P.S. 199 is not approved, the DOE will reassess its plans for I.S. 125 and building Q125, including its plans for accommodating all of I.S. 125’s students during the construction of the permanent addition for Q125. P.S. 199 is a zoned elementary school that currently serves students in kindergarten through fourth grades in main building Q199 and TCU Q938 located at 39-

20 48th Avenue, Queens, NY 11104, Annex Q777 located at 50-15 44th Street, Queens, NY 11377, and Annex Q841 located at 48-25 37th Street, Queens, NY 11101, in District 24. If the proposal to expand P.S. 199 is approved, beginning in the 2014-2015 school year, P.S. 199 will expand to serve students in kindergarten through fifth grade.

I.S. 125 is a zoned middle school that currently admits fifth- through eighth-grade students who reside in its zone. A student's zoned school is determined by his or her home address. If this proposal is approved and I.S. 125 no longer serves fifth grade, I.S. 125 will continue to admit sixth through eighth-grade students who reside in its zone. Additional information about the Middle School Admissions Process and I.S. 125 admissions is provided in Section III.A of this proposal.

As discussed in Section III below, the proposed grade truncation, which was developed in collaboration with the school leadership, would align I.S. 125's grade span with that of other middle schools throughout the district and city.

Finally, as discussed in Section II below, changing I.S. 125's grade span from 5-8 to 6-8 would reduce the school's enrollment by approximately 195-215 seats. After the completion of the new building addition for Q125 for the 2017-2018 school year, there may be additional space that I.S. 125 could use to meet anticipated growth within the school's zone.

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 the main offices of I.S. 125.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D24Proposals@schools.nyc.gov.

Oral comments can be left at 212-374-7621.

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.

April 9, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.
Building Q125
I.S. 125 Thom J. McCann Woodside
46-02 47th Street
Queens, NY 11377

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.

May 6, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.
Murry Bergtraum High School for Business Careers
411 Pearl Street
New York, NY 10038