



Notice
February 28, 2014

**Department of
Education**

Carmen Fariña, Chancellor

The Proposed Opening and Co-Location of a New Site of an Existing District 75 School P811Q (75Q811) with P.S./M.S. 147 Ronald McNair (29Q147) in Building Q147 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 a new site of P811Q (75Q811, “P811Q”), an existing District 75 school, in building Q147 (“Q147”) and mini-building Q851, to be called “P811Q@Q147,” beginning in the 2014-2015 school year. Building Q147 is located at 218-01 116th Avenue, Queens, NY 11411 in Community School District 29 (“District 29”). If this proposal is approved, P811Q@Q147 will be co-located with P.S./M.S. 147 Ronald McNair (29Q147, “P.S./M.S. 147”), an existing district school serving students in kindergarten through eighth 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 Queens. If this proposal is approved, the DOE will open a new site for an existing District 75 school, P811Q, in the 2014-2015 school year to help meet this growing demand. P811Q@Q147 will serve a range of students across grades kindergarten through eight who are classified as autistic or intellectually disabled under an Individualized Education Program (“IEP”). P811Q@Q147 is projected to serve six sections of students in self-contained sections in 12:1:1, 8:1:1, or 6:1:1 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 and middle school education.

Q147 also houses a community-based organization (“CBO”), New York Junior Tennis League, as well as Community Education Council 29. This proposal is not expected to impact the continued siting of these organizations in Q147.

According to the 2012-2013 Enrollment, Capacity, Utilization Report (“Blue Book”), Q147 has a target capacity of 1,002 students. During the 2013-2014 school year the building is serving 700 students, yielding an estimated building utilization rate of 70%. This means that the building is “under-utilized” and has space that could be used more efficiently to accommodate additional

students. If this proposal is approved, P811Q@Q147 will open in September 2014 serving six self-contained sections of elementary and middle school students, for a total of 36-72 students. In the 2014-2015 school year, when P811Q@Q147 opens, it is projected that there will be 714-840 students served in Q147, yielding a building utilization rate of 71%-84%.

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 P.S./M.S. 147 and P811Q.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D29Proposals@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 Q147
P.S./M.S. 147
218-01 116th Avenue
Queens, NY 11411

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
411 Pearl Street
New York, NY 10038