



**Department of  
Education**

*Carmen Fariña, Chancellor*

**Notice**

February 28, 2014

## **The Proposed Extension and Expansion of the Temporary Co-location of the Kindergarten, First, and Second Grade Students of DREAM Charter School (84M382) with P.S. 50 Vito Marcantonio (04M050) and New York Center for Autism Charter School (84M337) in Building M050 Through the 2014-2015 School Year**

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

DREAM Charter School (84M382, “DREAM”) is an existing charter elementary school that currently serves students in kindergarten through sixth grade. DREAM serves its students in kindergarten and first grade in building M050 (“M050”), located at 433 East 100<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY 10029, in Community School District 4 (“District 4”). DREAM is 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 grade, and New York Center for Autism Charter School (84M337, “NYCACs”), a charter school that serves students with disabilities aged five to nineteen. DREAM currently serves its students in second through sixth grade in building M121 (“M121”), located at 232 East 103<sup>rd</sup> Street, New York, NY 10029 in District 4.

On October 15, 2013, the Panel for Educational Policy (“PEP”) approved a proposal to temporarily co-locate the kindergarten and first grade students of DREAM in M050 through the 2013-2014 school year. Under that proposal, DREAM expected to move from M050 into non-Department of Education-operated space in August 2014. However, as a result of a delay in construction, DREAM will not be able to occupy that space in time for the beginning of the 2014-2015 school year.

DREAM worked with Harlem RBI, a community-based organization (“CBO”) that is affiliated with DREAM, to try to identify alternate space and also sought assistance from other East Harlem community organizations and Manhattan Commercial Realty Corp. to find suitable space. However, this search did not yield any viable options.

Therefore, the Department of Education now proposes to extend and expand the co-location of DREAM in M050 until the conclusion of the 2014-2015 school year. This proposal allows DREAM to continue to serve students and families in District 4.

If this proposal is approved, DREAM will continue serving kindergarten and first grade students and will begin serving second grade students in M050 in the 2014-2015 school year.

As described in a separate Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) and Building Utilization Plan (“BUP”), the DOE proposes that DREAM’s third through seventh grades be co-located in the M121 building with P.S. 38 Roberto Clemente (04M038) for the 2014-2015 school year. That EIS can be found here: [www.schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2013-2014/SchoolProposalsMay62014PEP](http://www.schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2013-2014/SchoolProposalsMay62014PEP). The M050 building is located 0.4 miles from M121.

If these proposals are approved by the PEP, DREAM’s students in kindergarten through second grade will be served at M050 through the 2014-2015 school year and DREAM’s third through seventh grade students will be served in M121 through the 2014-2015 school year. All students at DREAM are expected to move to their long-term non-DOE-operated facility before the 2015-2016 school year.

Construction is underway on the new facility for DREAM, also located in District 4. Civic Builders, Inc., the entity responsible for the construction of DREAM’s permanent facility, has advised the DOE that the facility will be completed for student occupancy by August 2015. The School Construction Authority (“SCA”) will continue to visit the construction site periodically to observe and confirm the progress on the facility’s construction.

M050 also houses a CBO, Children’s Aid Society. This proposal is not expected to impact the continued siting of that CBO in M050.

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

The EIS and BUP can be found on the DOE’s Web site:  
[www.schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2013-2014/SchoolProposalsMay62014PEP](http://www.schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2013-2014/SchoolProposalsMay62014PEP)

Copies of the EIS and BUP are also available in the main offices of P.S. 50, NYCACS and DREAM.

## **III. Submission of public comment.**

Written comments can be sent to [D04Proposals@schools.nyc.gov](mailto: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.**

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**V. Date, time and place of joint public hearings for this proposal.**

March 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m.  
Building M050  
433 East 100<sup>th</sup> 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.**

May 6<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.  
Murry Bergtraum High School for Business Careers  
411 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10038