



**Department of
Education**

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The Proposed Opening and Co-Location of a New Site of an Existing District 75 School P233Q (75Q233) with P.S./M.S. 42 R. Vernam (27Q042) in Building Q042 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 P233Q (75Q233, “P233Q”), an existing District 75 school, in building Q042 (“Q042”), to be called “P233Q@Q042,” beginning in the 2014-2015 school year. Building Q042 is located at 488 Beach 66 Street, Queens, NY 11692 in Community School District 27 (“District 27”). If this proposal is approved, P233Q@Q042 will be co-located with P.S./M.S. 42 R. Vernam (27Q042, “P.S./M.S. 42”), an existing zoned 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, P233Q, in the 2014-2015 school year to help meet growing demand. P233Q@Q042 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”). P233Q@Q042 is projected to serve seven 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. Q042 also houses two community-based organizations (“CBO”), Project Hope and New York Junior Tennis & Learning. This proposal is not expected to impact the continued siting of these programs in Q042.

According to the 2012-2013 Enrollment, Capacity, Utilization Report (“Blue Book”), Q042 has a target capacity of 1,311 students. (The concept of “target capacity” is explained below in Section II). During the 2013-2014 school year the building is serving 648 students, yielding an estimated building utilization rate of 49%. This means that the building is “under-utilized” and has space that could be used more efficiently to accommodate additional students. In the 2014-2015 school year, when P233Q@Q042 opens, it is projected that there will be 660-792 students served in Q042, yielding a building utilization rate of 50%-60%.

If this proposal is approved, P233Q@Q042 will open in September 2014 serving seven self-contained sections of elementary and middle school students, for a total of 42-84 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: <http://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. 42 and 75Q233.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D27Proposals@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.

Tuesday, April 1 at 6:00 p.m.
Building Q042
P.S./M.S. 42
488 Beach 66 Street
Queens, NY 11692

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 at 6:00 p.m.
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