



**Department of
Education**

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The Proposed Extension and Expansion of the Temporary Co-location of the Middle School Grades of Harlem Prep Charter School (84M708) with M.S. 224 Manhattan East School for Arts & Academics (04M224), Renaissance Charter High School for Innovation (84M433), and Success Academy Charter School – Harlem 3 (84M385) in Building M099 through the 2014-2015 School Year

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

Harlem Prep Charter School (84M708, “Harlem Prep”) is an existing public charter school that currently serves students in kindergarten through seventh grade. Harlem Prep serves its students in kindergarten through fifth grade in private space, building MADR (“MADR”), located at 240 East 123rd Street, New York, NY 10035 in Community School District 4 (“District 4”). Harlem Prep serves its students in sixth and seventh grade in building M099 (“M099”), located at 410 East 100th Street, New York, NY 10029, also located in District 4. Harlem Prep is co-located in M099 with M.S. 224 Manhattan East School for Arts & Academics (04M224, “Manhattan East”), an existing middle school that serves students in sixth through eighth grade; Academy of Environmental Science Secondary High School (04M635, “AES”), an existing high school that currently serves students in twelfth grade and is in its last year of phase-out; Renaissance Charter High School for Innovation (84M433, “Innovation”), an existing public charter high school that currently serves students in ninth through twelfth grade; and Success Academy Charter School – Harlem 3 (84M385, “HSA 3”), an existing public charter school that currently serves students in kindergarten in M099 and is phasing into the building to serve students in kindergarten through fourth grade.

As explained in more detail below, due to a construction delay which impacts a related co-location, the building to which Harlem Prep was to be re-sited beginning in the 2014-2015 school year will not have sufficient available space to accommodate Harlem Prep’s middle school students until the 2015-2016 school year. Therefore, the DOE proposes to extend the co-location of Harlem Prep in M099 until the conclusion of the 2014-2015 school year.

If this proposal is approved, Harlem Prep will serve students in sixth through eighth grade in M099 in the 2014-2015 school year.

On April 26, 2012, the Panel for Educational Policy (“PEP”) approved a proposal, described in an Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) and Building Utilization Plan (“BUP”) originally published on March 5, 2012 and revised on March 16, 2012, to temporarily co-locate the middle school grades of Harlem Prep in M099 for the 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 school years.

Subsequently, on November 29, 2012, the DOE published an EIS and BUP describing a proposal to re-site and co-locate Harlem Prep with existing school P.S. 38 Roberto Clemente (04M038) in building M121 (“M121”) beginning in the 2014-2015 school year. That proposal was approved by the PEP on January 16, 2013. Harlem Prep’s move from M099 to M121 was predicated on the re-siting of another school currently located in M121, DREAM Charter School (84M332, “DREAM”), out of M121 and into a non-DOE operated facility prior to the beginning of the 2014-2015 school year. However, because of construction delays, DREAM will not be able to occupy its facility in time for the 2014-2015 school year.

Civic Builders, Inc., which is constructing DREAM’s permanent facility, has advised the Department of Education 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.

Therefore, the DOE proposes that DREAM remain in M121 for one additional year, Harlem Prep remain in M099 for one additional year, and that the re-siting of Harlem Prep from M099 to M121 be delayed until the 2015-2016 school year, once DREAM has moved out of M121. The proposal to extend DREAM’s co-location at M121 for the 2014-2015 school year and to re-site Harlem Prep from M099 to M121 in the 2015-2016 school year is available at www.schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2013-2014/SchoolProposalsMay62014PEP.

For the purposes of this EIS describing the proposal to extend the co-location of Harlem Prep in M099 for the 2014-2015 school year, it is assumed that the proposal to extend DREAM’s co-location at M121 for the 2014-2015 school year and to re-site Harlem Prep from M099 to M121 in the 2015-2016 school year will be approved by the PEP. However, if that proposal is not approved, the DOE will revise this proposal as necessary.

If this proposal and the related proposal to extend DREAM’s co-location at M121 for the 2014-2015 school year and to re-site Harlem Prep from M099 to M121 in the 2015-2016 school year are both approved, Harlem Prep will serve its students in sixth through eighth grade in M099 in the 2014-2015 school year and in M121 in the 2015-2016 school year.

M099 also houses a CBO, Support Children Advocacy Network (“SCAN”). This proposal is not expected to impact the siting of the CBO.

M099 has been identified as an under-utilized building. According to the 2012-2013 Enrollment Capacity Utilization Report (the “Blue Book”), M099 has the capacity to serve 1,168 students. During the current 2013-2014 school year, the building serves approximately 932 students, yielding a building utilization rate of 80% which demonstrates that the building is “under-utilized” and has space to accommodate additional students. If this proposal is approved, the

building will serve approximately 980-1,214 students in the 2014-2015 school year, yielding a building utilization rate of 84%-104%.

The DOE does not anticipate that this proposal will affect student enrollment, the admissions process or instructional programming at Manhattan East, HSA 3, or Innovation. As discussed further below, this proposal entails the reduction of Harlem Prep's projected enrollment for the 2014-2015 school year.

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

The Educational Impact Statement ("EIS") and Building Utilization Plan ("BUP") 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 and BUP are also available in the main offices of AES, Harlem Prep, Innovation, HSA3 and Manhattan East.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to 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.

April 3rd at 6:00 p.m.
Building M099
410 East 100th 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 6th at 6pm
Murry Bergtraum High School for Business Careers
411 Pearl Street
New York, NY 10038