



Notice
March 4, 2014

**Department of
Education**

Carmen Fariña, Chancellor

The Proposed Co-Location of District High School (27Q346), with Existing Schools August Martin High School (27Q400) and Voyages Prep – South Queens Transfer High School (27Q261) in Building Q400 Beginning in 2014-2015 School Year

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

On October 30, 2013, the Panel for Educational Policy (“PEP”) approved a proposal to co-locate the kindergarten through fourth grades of Success Academy Charter School – New York 5 (84QTBD, “SA – New York 5”), a new public elementary charter school, in building Q400 (“Q400”) with August Martin High School (27Q400, “August Martin”), an existing district high school that currently serves students in ninth through twelfth grade and Voyages Prep – South Queens Transfer School (27Q261, “Voyages South”), a transfer high school serving students in grades nine to twelve, beginning in the 2014-2015 school year. Q400 is located at 156-10 Baisley Boulevard, Queens, NY 11434 in Community School District 27 (“District 27”). 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.

However, upon further consideration, the New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) has concluded that the proposal to co-locate SA-New York 5 in Q400 will not be implemented. The DOE has determined that it is more appropriate to co-locate an additional high school in this building because schools serving the same grade levels have greater opportunities to collaborate on the use of specialized shared space, such as science labs or shop rooms, and to provide expanded academic partnerships, shared relationships with Community Based Organizations (“CBOs”) that serve the same grade levels, and extra-curricular activities across the schools.

The DOE now proposes to co-locate a district high school, 27Q346, that will serve students in grades nine through twelve in Q400, beginning in the 2014-2015 school year. If this proposal is approved, 27Q346 will be co-located in Q400 with August Martin and Voyages South. In addition, 27Q346 will design new ways of implementing the Common Core state standards and the Next Generation Science standards by developing a school model that capitalizes on innovative technology, personalized learning strategies, and adolescent learning environments that enable all young people to succeed in college and in life.

In addition, building Q400 houses an Alternate Learning Center (88Q995, “ALC”), which provides an educational setting for students in grades nine through twelve who are on a

Superintendent's Suspension for up to one year, and the following CBOs: King of Kings, Life Camp, Relationship Abuse Prevention Program ("RAPP"), and Counseling for Mediation Services ("CMS").

On March 20, 2013, the PEP approved the proposal to open and co-locate Voyages South in the Q400 building beginning in the 2013-2014 school year. Voyages South is a transfer school that currently serves 150 students who are 16 years of age and older, and who have attended another New York City high school for at least one year. In 2015-2016, Voyages South will complete its phase-in, reaching "full scale," and serving approximately 230-270 students. Transfer schools are small, academically rigorous high schools designed to re-engage students who have dropped out of high school or have fallen behind. These schools are designed to create a personalized learning environment and to provide students with connections to college. Students graduate with a high school diploma from the transfer school they attend.

If this proposal to open and co-locate 27Q346 in Q400 is approved, students will have access to an additional high school option in Queens. 27Q346 will open in Q400 for the 2014-2015 school year and will serve 105-115 students in grade nine, adding one grade level every year until reaching its full grade span of ninth through twelfth grades in the 2017-2018 school year, when it will serve approximately 420-460 students. 27Q346 will be open to students through the Citywide High School Admissions Process and will use a limited unscreened selection method with priority for students residing in Queens.

According to the 2012-2013 Enrollment, Capacity, Utilization Report (the "Blue Book"), Q400 has the capacity to serve 1,895 students. During the 2013-2014 school year the building is serving 998 students, yielding a building utilization rate of 53%. This means that the building is "under-utilized" and has space to accommodate additional students.

If this proposal is approved, in 2017-2018, when 27Q346 and Voyages South are fully phased in the building, 27Q346 is projected to serve 420-460 ninth through twelfth grade students, August Martin is projected to serve a total of 785-825 ninth through twelfth-grade students, the ALC is projected to serve a total of 60-80 ninth through twelfth-grade students, and Voyages South is projected to serve approximately 230-270 students in grades nine through twelve. Combined, there will be approximately 1,495-1,635 students served in Q400, which yields a projected utilization rate of 79%-86%. Thus, there is sufficient space in Q400 to accommodate Voyages South, August Martin, the ALC, and 27Q346.

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://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2013-2014/SchoolProposalsMay62014PEP>.

Copies of the EIS are also available in the main offices of August Martin and Voyages South.

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.

April 8, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.
August Martin High School
Q400 Building
156-10 Baisley Boulevard
Queens, NY 11434

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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