



Notice
October 29, 2010

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Chancellor

The Proposed Grade Expansion of Urban Assembly Academy of Arts and Letters (13K492) to a K-8 School

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

Urban Assembly Academy of Arts and Letters (13K492, or “Urban Assembly”) is an existing middle school located at 225 Adelphi Street, Brooklyn, NY, 11205, in Community School District 13. It currently serves students in sixth through eighth grade. Urban Assembly is located in K020, where it is co-located with P.S. 20 Clinton Hill (13K020, or “P.S. 20”). P.S. 20 is an existing elementary school that currently serves students in Kindergarten through fifth grade and offers 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.

This is a proposal to implement a “grade expansion,” meaning that Urban Assembly would expand to serve Kindergarten through eighth grade by 2015-2016. Urban Assembly would be an “unzoned” elementary school, which means that it would admit Kindergarten students from throughout District 13. Future fifth graders enrolled at Urban Assembly would have priority admission to remain at Urban Assembly for sixth grade. Other fifth graders throughout District 13 would continue to be able to apply to attend middle school at Urban Assembly if additional seats remain available.

Urban Assembly would begin the expansion by enrolling two sections each of Kindergarten and first grade in the 2011-2012 school year. Over a period of five years, additional grade levels would be added as these elementary students aged up and as new Kindergarteners enrolled. In order to ensure that there is adequate space for the new elementary sections and P.S. 20, beginning in 2013-14, the incoming sixth grade enrollment at Urban Assembly would decrease from 4 sections to 2 sections. Expansion would be completed in 2015-2016, when the school would ultimately serve two sections in each grade level (K through 8), for a total of 18 sections.

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/2010-2011/Dec2010PEP.htm>

A copy of the EIS is also available in the main office of both Urban Assembly Academy of Arts and Letters and P.S. 20.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D13Proposals@schools.nyc.gov.

Oral comments can be left at 212-374-0208.

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.

Name: Gentian Falstrom
Office: Division of Portfolio Planning
Address: 52 Chambers Street, New York, NY 10007
Email: D13Proposals@schools.nyc.gov
Phone: 212-374-0208

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

November 30, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.
P.S. 20/Urban Assembly Academy of Arts and Letters
225 Adelphi Street
Brooklyn, NY, 11205

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.

December 14, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.
Brooklyn Technical High School
29 Fort Greene Place
Brooklyn, NY 11217