



Notice
October 29, 2010

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Chancellor

The Proposed Grade Truncation of P.S. 360 (10X360) to a K-5 School

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

P.S. 360 (10X360, “P.S. 360”) is an existing elementary school, located at 2880 Kingsbridge Terrace, Bronx, NY 10463, in Community School District 10. It currently serves students in Kindergarten through sixth grade and offers a Pre-Kindergarten program. This is a proposal to implement a “grade truncation,” meaning that the school would no longer enroll sixth graders after the current 2010-2011 school year. Beginning in September 2011, P.S. 360 would serve students only in Kindergarten through fifth grade and continue to offer a Pre-Kindergarten program.

Under this proposal, at the close of the 2010-2011 school year, all fifth and sixth graders who meet promotional standards will graduate from P.S. 360. In September 2011, these students will enter middle schools as sixth and seventh graders, respectively. Beginning in 2011-2012, P.S. 360 will serve students only in Kindergarten through fifth grade. From that time forward, P.S. 360 students will move on to middle school for sixth grade.

The Department of Education strives to ensure that all students in New York City have access to high-quality schools at every stage of their education. Having elementary schools that terminate in different grades (i.e., K-5 versus K-6) creates unequal levels of access for students based simply on the year they exit elementary school. Middle schools typically enroll students beginning in sixth grade, and P.S. 360 students have the option to apply to start middle school as sixth graders. Currently, however, most P.S. 360 students transition to middle school for seventh grade.

P.S. 360 is one of three remaining elementary schools in District 10 to serve grades K-6. The proposed grade truncation will help standardize middle school application and entry grades in District 10, giving all P.S. 360 students access to the same range of middle school options as their peers throughout District 10.

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 P.S. 360’s main office.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D10Proposals@schools.nyc.gov.

Oral comments can be left at 212-374-5159.

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: Izaak Orlansky
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Address: 52 Chambers Street, New York, NY 10007
Email: D10Proposals@schools.nyc.gov
Phone: 212-374-5159

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

December 1, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.
P.S. 360 Elementary School
2880 Kingsbridge Terrace
Bronx, NY 10463

Questions about the proposal can 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. Interpretation services will be provided in Spanish. To request interpretation services in another language, please contact Mr. Orlansky at the e-mail address or telephone number above.

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