



Notice
October 15, 2010

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Chancellor

The Proposed Grade Expansion of I.S. 119 The Glendale (24Q119) to a K-8 School

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

I.S. 119 The Glendale (24Q119 or “I.S. 119”) is an existing middle school located at 74-01 78th Avenue, Glendale, NY, 11385, in Community School District 24. It currently serves students in sixth through eighth grade.

This is a proposal to implement a “grade expansion” so that I.S. 119 will serve grades K-8, meaning that the school would begin enrolling Kindergartners in the 2011-2012 school year, in addition to maintaining its sixth, seventh, and eighth grades. P.S./I.S. 119 would then grow to serve an additional grade in each subsequent year. P.S./I.S. 119 would complete its grade expansion in September 2016, at which point it would enroll students in Kindergarten through eighth grade. P.S./I.S. 119’s enrollment would continue to expand until the 2019-2020 school year, when students from its inaugural Kindergarten class graduate.

I.S. 119 will continue to serve three sections of Gifted and Talented (“G&T”) students in each of grades six, seven, and eight. The middle school will also continue to enroll sixth grade students from the nearby P.S. 91 Richard Arkwright, who are currently zoned, and will continue to be zoned to I.S. 119 for middle school.

The idea to expand I.S. 119 into a K-8 school initially came from the school community in response to the recent K-8 grade expansions at three elementary schools, which previously sent rising sixth graders to I.S. 119. As P.S. 128 Juniper Valley, P.S. 49 Dorothy Bonawit Kole, and P.S. 113 Isaac Chauncey have begun their grade expansions and continue to scale up, two things have happened: fewer middle school students are entering I.S. 119 for middle school, and those three schools have developed greater elementary level demand than they can meet.

In March, the principal of I.S. 119 submitted a letter of intent to apply for the grade expansion, and, in July, a team of I.S. 119 teachers and administrators submitted an application to expand the school. That application was supported by I.S. 119 parents and the broader community surrounding the school, including elected officials representing the community. On August 31st, a grade expansion panel interviewed the I.S. 119 applicant team. Department of Education (DOE) officials also visited the school and concluded that the school was positioned to successfully begin an elementary school expansion.

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 I.S. 119’s main office.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D24Proposals@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.

Name: Gentian Falstrom
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Email: D24Proposals@schools.nyc.gov
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V. Date, time and place of joint public hearings for this proposal.

November 22, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.
I.S. 119 The Glendale School
74-01 78th Avenue
Glendale, NY, 11385

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