Second Amended Notice
November 22, 2010

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Chancellor

The Proposed Grade Expansion of P.S. 23 (10X023) to a K-5 School

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

P.S. 23 The New Children's School (10X023 or "P.S. 23") is an existing early childhood center/elementary school located at 2151 Washington Avenue, Bronx, NY, 10457, in Community School District 10. P.S. 23 currently serves students in Kindergarten through second grade and offers a Pre-Kindergarten program. P.S. 23 is located in building X023.

On October 29, 2010, the New York City Department of Education ("DOE") published an educational impact statement ("EIS") describing a proposal to implement a "grade expansion" so that P.S 23 will serve Kindergarten through fifth grade. This means that P.S. 23 would continue to serve existing students as they are promoted to third grade in the 2011-2012 school year. P.S. 23 would then grow to serve fourth graders in 2012-2013, and fifth graders in 2013-2014. P.S. 23 would complete its grade expansion in September 2013, at which point it would enroll students in Kindergarten through fifth grade and continue to offer a Pre-Kindergarten program.

On November 15, 2010, the DOE published an amended EIS, which clarified certain data concerning the percentage of students eligible for free or reduced price meals, but which did not modify or revise the proposal itself. On November 22, 2010, the DOE published a second amended EIS, which clarifies P.S. 23's school performance data and corrects typographical errors, but, again, does not revise or modify the proposal itself.

The DOE 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-2 versus K-5) creates challenges for students who must leave elementary schools after second grade and move to other elementary schools for third through fifth grades. When P.S. 23 students leave P.S. 23 and attend their zoned elementary school, P.S. 59, in grade 3, this creates an enlarged enrollment for P.S. 59 in grades 3 through 5. Elementary schools typically enroll students from Kindergarten to fifth grade (K-5).

The proposed grade expansion will help standardize elementary school grade spans in District 10, giving P.S. 23 students the typical six years in elementary school. Once P.S. 23 serves students in grades K-5 in 2013-2014, fifth grade students will be able to apply to middle schools through the Middle School Choice process.

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

The second amended 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 second amended EIS is also available in P.S. 23'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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Email: D10Proposals@schools.nyc.gov
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V. Date, time and place of joint public hearings for this proposal.

November 30, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.
P.S. 23 The New Children's School
2151 Washington Avenue
Bronx, NY 10457

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