



Amended Notice
April 22, 2010

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Chancellor

Notice of Amended Educational Impact Statement: Re-Siting of Hamilton Heights Schools and Co-location with P.S. 153M in M153

The proposal to re-site Hamilton Heights and co-locate it with P.S. 153 in school building M153, originally scheduled to be voted on by the Panel for Educational Policy at its April 20, 2010 meeting, will be considered by the Panel at its May 18, 2010 meeting. In order to provide an opportunity for the public to comment on the amended educational impact statement, published on April 12, 2010, the public comment period has been extended and additional joint public hearings will be held. Please see below for the dates, times, and locations of the joint public hearings and for the phone number and e-mail address to which comments may be submitted.

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

In the 2010-2011 school year, Hamilton Heights School (06M368, "Hamilton Heights"), an existing school that serves students in grades K-5, will move from its current location in school buildings M028 and M380 in Community School District 6 ("District 6") to school building M153 (hereinafter referred to as "M153"), located at 1750 Amsterdam Avenue, also in District 6. M153 currently houses P.S. 153 Adam Clayton Powell (06M153, "P.S. 153"), an existing school that serves grades PK-5. The 2008-2009 target utilization rate of M153 was 79% and its target capacity is 1,267.

Hamilton Heights is currently split-sited across two locations in District 6. Grades Kindergarten through 3 are housed in a leased facility, M380, located at 508 West 153 Street, and grades 4 and 5 are housed in school building M028, located at 475 West 155 Street. There are no other schools currently co-located with Hamilton Heights in M380. In M028, Hamilton Heights is co-located with P.S. 28 Wright Brothers (06M028, "P.S. 28"), an existing elementary school serving grades Pre-Kindergarten-5. No plan is in place for the space made available once Hamilton Heights moves out of M380. After Hamilton Heights moves out of M028, the space will be used to serve the zoned students at P.S. 28.

In 2010-2011, Hamilton Heights will move its entire school, grades K-5, to M153. Hamilton Heights currently serves 2 sections per grade in M028 and M380 and will continue to serve 2 sections per grade in M153, where it will be co-located with P.S. 153. P.S. 153 is a zoned elementary school that currently offers 3 sections of district-wide Pre-Kindergarten students, 1 section per grade of district-wide Gifted and Talented ("G&T") students,

approximately 5 sections per grade of zoned students, and approximately 1 section of students per grade who reside outside the zone.

To ensure that there continues to be sufficient space in M153 for both Hamilton Heights and P.S. 153, beginning in 2010-2011, P.S. 153 will need to monitor its kindergarten enrollment to ensure that it only enrolls students residing in the zone. By doing so, P.S. 153 will gradually reduce in size by approximately 1 section per grade, or approximately 125 students, which will allow Hamilton Heights to be fully housed in M153. M153 has sufficient space to accommodate Hamilton Heights; however, in 2010-2011, as P.S. 153 reduces its enrollment to only zoned students, Hamilton Heights will likely not have access to dedicated cluster rooms. Once P.S. 153's enrollment is gradually reduced to only zoned students, Hamilton Heights and P.S. 153 will be able to operate at full organizational capacity in M153 and Hamilton Heights will have access to dedicated cluster rooms in 2011-2012. The 2008-09 target capacity for M153 was 1,267 students. The 2009-10 combined current enrollment of P.S. 153 and Hamilton Heights is 1,227 students. The projected enrollment of both schools after P.S. 153's enrollment has been reduced to only zoned students is approximately 1,140-1,215 students.

No current P.S 153 students will be displaced as a result of this proposal. Students currently attending P.S. 153 from outside of the zone may remain enrolled until graduation. P.S. 153 will maintain its district-wide Pre-K and G&T programs.

The move of Hamilton Heights to M153 will allow Hamilton Heights, which is currently split-sited across two buildings, to be fully housed in one building. This move will allow Hamilton Heights to build a cohesive school culture and community that will better serve their students, and will continue to offer high-quality elementary school options in District 6.

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

The [Educational Impact Statement](http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/March12010_May182010) can be found on the Department of Education's Web site: http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/March12010_May182010

The educational impact statement may also be obtained by request in P.S. 153's main office and the District 6 office.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D06Proposals@schools.nyc.gov.

Oral comments can be left at 718-935-4415.

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 hearing for this proposal.

April 29, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. (P.S. 153)
1750 Amsterdam Avenue, Manhattan

May 3, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. (Hamilton Heights)
475 West 155 Street, Manhattan

There will be no question and answer period. 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.

VI. Date, time and place of the PEP meeting at which the Board will vote on the proposed item.

May 18, 2010
6:00 p.m.
Long Island City High School
14-30 Broadway, Queens