



Notice
March 3, 2011

The Proposed Co-location of a New Charter School, ROADS Charter High School I, with an Existing DOE School, Aspirations Diploma Plus High School (23K646), in School Building K894

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

The New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) is proposing to co-locate a new charter school, ROADS Charter High School I (“ROADS Charter School I”), in school building K894 (“K894”), located at 1495 Herkimer Street, Brooklyn, NY 11233, within the geographical confines of Community School District 23 (“District 23”). ROADS Charter School I is designed to serve disconnected youth—over-age and under-credited students who are 15-17 years of age—in grades nine through twelve.

ROADS Charter School I would offer these students customized and rigorous curricula, socio-emotional support, and work-based experiences that foster student engagement and enhance student learning and would enroll students through the charter lottery application process. Students who are 15-17 years of age who have 0-11 academic credits would be eligible to participate in the charter lottery for a ninth-grade seat in 2011-2012.

If this proposal is approved, ROADS Charter School I would be co-located in building K894 with Aspirations Diploma Plus High School (23K646, “Aspirations Diploma Plus”), an existing transfer school, beginning in 2011-2012. Aspirations Diploma Plus currently serves students who are classified as ninth, tenth, eleventh and twelfth graders based on their credit accumulation. Building K894 also provides space to the following programs: Learning To Work (“LTW”) and Living for the Young Family through Education (“LYFE”). In addition, East Brooklyn Congregation/East New York High School for Public Safety and Law (23K645, “EBC/ENY”), an existing 9-12 school, is currently housed in K894. EBC/ENY is in the process of phasing out and will close in June 2011. A “co-location” means that two or more school organizations are located in the same building and may share common spaces like auditoriums, gymnasiums, libraries, and cafeterias.

Reinventing Opportunities for Adolescents who Deserve Success (“ROADS”) submitted a charter school application for ROADS Charter School I on January 14, 2011 to the State University of New York (“SUNY”) Charter Schools Institute. On February 25, 2011, ROADS re-submitted its charter school application in response to SUNY’s Request for Amendments. The DOE’s proposal to co-locate ROADS Charter School I in building K894 beginning in 2011-2012 is contingent upon SUNY’s approval of the charter school application. If SUNY does not approve the charter school application for ROADS Charter School I, the DOE will withdraw this proposal to co-locate ROADS Charter School I in K894. Moreover, all information about ROADS Charter School I, including lottery preferences, is based on the information that ROADS included in its charter school application. That information is also subject to change and contingent upon SUNY’s approval.

If this co-location proposal is approved, ROADS Charter School I would begin to enroll ninth grade students for the 2011-2012 school year and would phase in to K894 gradually, adding a new class of ninth grade students each year until it reaches full-scale in 2014-2015 when it would serve students in grades nine through twelve.

In 2011-2012, during the first year of implementation, the building would serve approximately 350-400 students, including the new charter school and Aspirations Diploma Plus, which would yield an approximate building utilization rate of 73% of target capacity. As discussed, EBC/ENY will close in June 2011. When ROADS Charter School I is at full scale in the 2013-2014 school year, the building would serve approximately 450-500 students combined, which yields a building utilization rate of approximately 91% of target capacity.

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

The Educational Impact Statement can be found on the Department of Education's Web site: <http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2010-2011/Apr282011Proposals.htm>

Copies of the EIS are available in the main office of Aspirations Diploma Plus High School.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to HS.Proposals@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.

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

To Be Determined
Building X894
1495 Herkimer Street,
Brooklyn NY 11233

Further notice will be provided once the hearing date is determined. 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. To request interpretation services, please contact Mr. Taylor 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.

April 28, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.
Prospect Heights Campus
883 Classon Ave, Brooklyn, NY, 11225