



Notice  
March 4, 2011

Cathleen P. Black  
Chancellor

**The Proposed Expansion and Re-siting of Brooklyn Prospect Charter School (84K707) and its Temporary Co-location with Existing DOE Schools P.S. 32 Samuels Mills Sprole (15K032) and New Horizons School (15K442) in Buildings K032 and K979**

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

Brooklyn Prospect Charter School (84K707, “Brooklyn Prospect”) is an existing public charter school approved to serve students in sixth through twelfth grade. Brooklyn Prospect currently enrolls 202 students in sixth and seventh grade in Building K564 (“K564”) at 153 35 Street, Brooklyn, NY 11232 in Community School District 15. It is currently co-located with Sunset Park High School (15K667, “Sunset Park”), a DOE high school that currently enrolls ninth and tenth grade students, and a District 75 School (75K371, “P371K@H667”), currently serving ninth through twelfth grade students in classes for emotionally disturbed and autistic students.

The New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) is proposing to re-site Brooklyn Prospect and temporarily co-locate Brooklyn Prospect during the 2011-2012 school year in the seven transportable classroom units (“TCU”), referred to as K979 (15K979, “K979”), that are located on the same grounds as the main building, K032 (“K032”). Both buildings are located at 317 Hoyt Street, Brooklyn, NY 11231 in Community School District 15. Although Brooklyn Prospect would be sited in K979, it would also use the shared spaces in K032, such as the gymnasium, cafeteria, auditorium, and library. In K032 and K979, Brooklyn Prospect would be temporarily co-located with P.S. 32 Samuels Mills Sprole (15K032, “P.S. 32”), an existing DOE zoned elementary school that serves kindergarten through fifth grade students and also offers two full-day pre-kindergarten sections, New Horizons School (15K442, “New Horizons”), an existing DOE middle school that serves sixth to eighth grade students, and a Community Based Organization (“CBO”), Good Shepherd Services (“Good Shepherd”). A “re-siting” means a school will be located in a different building than the building in which it is currently located. “Co-location” refers to situations where two or more schools occupy space within a single building, often sharing large common rooms and outdoor spaces.

Brooklyn Prospect currently serves students in sixth and seventh grade. If the proposal is approved, in 2011-2012, Brooklyn Prospect will expand to serve eighth grade and will serve 6-8th grade in K032 and K979. As noted above, Brooklyn Prospect will move out of K032 and K979 no later than August 1, 2012.

P.S. 32 currently offers a specialized program for students with Autism Spectrum Disorders (“ASD”) that is not widely available in other New York City schools. In this program, known as ASD Nest, students with ASD are taught in a classroom alongside general education students. Classes are small, limited to 16 students in kindergarten through fifth grade. This year, P.S. 32 serves pre-kindergarten, kindergarten and first grade students, including students in the ASD Nest program, and students with disabilities in the seven TCUs at K979. But, if this proposal is approved, those students will be served in the main building, K032, during the 2011-2012 school year.

The DOE is proposing to re-site and temporarily co-locate Brooklyn Prospect in K979 and K032 for only one year. Brooklyn Prospect has secured a permanent lease on a private facility located at 265-271 Douglass Street, Brooklyn, NY 11217. However the facility cannot be occupied in time for the 2011-2012 school year. Therefore, if this proposal is approved, Brooklyn Prospect will be re-sited from its current location in K564 and temporarily co-located in K979 and K032 with P.S. 32, New Horizons, and, Good Shepherd for one year. Brooklyn Prospect would move out of K979 and K032 no later than August 1, 2012.

Brooklyn Prospect was approved by its charter authorizer, the State University of New York's Charter School Institute ("SUNY"), to open a public charter school in Community School District 15 in Brooklyn in 2009. SUNY approved Brooklyn Prospect's proposal to open with sixth grade in 2009-2010 and to add one grade each year until it serves up to 300 students in sixth through eighth grade. Brooklyn Prospect provides a preference to District 15 students in its charter school lottery application process.

**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>

Copies of the EIS are also available in the main offices of Brooklyn Prospect, P.S. 32, New Horizons, Sunset Park, and 75K371.

**III. Submission of public comment.**

Written comments can be sent to [D15Proposals@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:D15Proposals@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.**

Name: Benjamin Taylor  
Office: Division of Portfolio Planning  
Address: 52 Chambers St  
Email: [D15Proposals@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:D15Proposals@schools.nyc.gov)  
Phone: 212-374-0208

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

To Be Determined	To Be Determined
P.S. 32 / New Horizons	Brooklyn Prospect / Sunset Park / 75K371
317 Hoyt Street	153 35 Street
Brooklyn, NY 11231	Brooklyn, NY 11232

Notice will be provided once the hearings have been scheduled. 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. 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, at 6:00 p.m.  
Prospect Heights Campus  
883 Classon Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11225