Amended Notice
March 8, 2011

Cathleen P. Black
Chancellor

The Proposed Co-location of Democracy Prep 3 Charter School with Existing School P.S. 154 (05M154) Harriet Tubman in Building M154

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

The New York City Department of Education ("DOE") is proposing to open a new public charter middle school, Democracy Prep 3 Charter School ("Democracy Prep 3"), and site it in Building M154, located at 250 West 127 Street, New York, NY 10027 in Community School District 5. Democracy Prep 3 would be co-located in M154 with P.S. 154 Harriet Tubman ("P.S. 154"), an existing DOE zoned elementary school that serves grades kindergarten through five, and also offers a pre-kindergarten program. A "co-location" means that two or more school organizations are located in the same building and may share common spaces like auditoriums, gymnasiums, and cafeterias.

This amended notice provides an updated location where the Panel for Educational Policy meeting will be held and where the vote for this proposal will take place.

P.S. 154 is a zoned district elementary school that serves 360 students in kindergarten through fifth grade, and also offers a pre-kindergarten program that enrolls 36 students.

The New York State Education Department has authorized the creation of Democracy Prep 3, a new public charter school that would open with sixth grade, and then expand one grade per year until it serves sixth through eighth grades. Democracy Prep 3 would admit students at all grade levels through a lottery, and give preference to students residing in District 5. If this proposal were approved, Democracy Prep 3 would serve 100-110 students in sixth grade in 2011-2012. In 2012-2013, Democracy Prep 3 would serve 200-220 students in sixth and seventh grades. At full scale, in 2013-2014, Democracy Prep 3 would serve 300-330 students in sixth through eighth grades in M154.

The opening of Democracy Prep 3 would create 300-330 high-quality middle school seats in District 3. Democracy Prep 3 would be operated by Democracy Prep Public Schools, a charter management organization that currently operates two public charter schools in District 5, Democracy Prep Charter School (84M350, "Democracy Prep") and Democracy Prep Harlem (84M481, "Democracy Prep Harlem"), which opened in 2010-2011. In 2009-2010, Democracy Prep was the highest rated middle school in the City on the Progress Report.

The M154 building has the capacity to serve 790 students. In 2010, the building only served 396 students, yielding a utilization rate of 50%. Once Democracy Prep 3 has completed its expansion to eighth grade in building M154, there would be approximately 670-760 students served in the building by both P.S. 154 and Democracy Prep 3, yielding a building utilization rate of 85-96%.

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/Apr282011Proposals

Copies of the EIS are also available in the main office of P.S. 154 Harriet Tubman.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D05Proposals@schools.nyc.gov.
Oral comments can be left at 212-374-3466.

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.

March 22, 2011
6:00 p.m.
P.S. 154 Harriet Tubman
250 West 127 Street,
New York, NY 10027

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. Interpretation services will be provided in Spanish. To request interpretation services in another language, please contact Ms. Cheong 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