



Amended Notice
April 26, 2011

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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.

On February 18, 2011, the New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) issued an Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) 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. On March 17, 2011, the DOE published an amended EIS to correct a typographical error contained in the original EIS.

This amended notice provides a new date and location for the Panel for Educational Policy’s vote on this proposal. The DOE has postponed the vote on this proposal because it intends to issue a revised proposal that will modify the Building Utilization Plan for the proposal among other changes. If a revised proposal is issued, another joint public hearing will be held on the revised proposal on a date to be determined.

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 5. 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") and Building Utilization Plan ("BUP") can be found on the Department of Education's Web site:

<http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2010-2011/June2011Proposals>.

Copies of the EIS and BUP 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.

A joint public hearing was held on March 22, 2011 at P.S. 154 Harriet Tubman to gather community feedback. The transcript of the hearing is available at the following link:

<http://schools.nyc.gov/community/planning/changes/manhattan/M154>

Questions about the proposal should be directed as indicated in section IV above.

VI. Date, time and place of the Panel for Educational Policy meeting at which the Panel will vote on the proposed item.

June 22, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.
P.S. 128 Juniper Valley,
69-10 65th Drive,
Queens, NY, 11379