



Amended Notice
April 27, 2011

The Proposed Re-siting and Co-location of Khalil Gibran International Academy (13K592) with the Metropolitan Corporate Academy (15K530) and the Brooklyn School for Career Development (75K753) in School Building K806

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

On March 4, 2011, the New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) published an Educational Impact Statement proposing to re-site and co-locate Khalil Gibran International Academy (13K592 “Khalil Gibran”), an existing middle school, from where it is presently located in building K287 at 50 Navy Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201, within the geographical confines of Community School District 13, to school building K806 (“K806”), located at 362 Schermerhorn Street, Brooklyn, NY 11217 within the geographical confines of Community School District 15. If this proposal is approved, Khalil Gibran would gradually stop serving middle school students in grades 6-8, and would instead serve high school students in grades 9-12 in K806. 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. In addition, a “re-siting” means a school will be located in a different building than the building in which it is currently located.

In a separate EIS published on March 4, 2011, the DOE proposed to implement a “grade reconfiguration.” Under this proposal, at the end of the 2010-2011 school year, Khalil Gibran would no longer enroll sixth grade students. All eighth grade students who meet promotional standards would apply to high school through the Citywide High School Admissions Process, and students in the sixth and seventh grades who meet promotional requirements would remain at the school until the completion of the eighth grade. During the 2011-2012 school year, Khalil Gibran would serve seventh and eighth grade students in K287. At the end of the 2011-2012 school year, Khalil Gibran’s eighth grade would be re-sited to K806. In 2012-2013, Khalil Gibran would only serve eighth grade students. After June 2013, Khalil Gibran would no longer serve any middle school grades.

On March 31, 2011, the DOE published an amended EIS for the proposal to implement a grade reconfiguration to correct a typographical error that incorrectly referenced a phase-out. The DOE has not proposed to phase-out any school organization in building K287, and any references to a phase-out of any school organization in building K287 were removed in the amended EIS.

If this proposal is approved, Khalil Gibran’s eighth grade class would be re-sited prior to the 2012-2013 school year and co-located in K806 with the Metropolitan Corporate Academy (15K530 “MCA”), an existing high school that serves students in grades 9-12, and the Brooklyn School for Career Development (K753@530 “SCD”), a District 75 (“D75”) high school that currently enrolls students who are emotionally disturbed in grades 9-12. SCD provides special education services to students who range in age from 14 to 21 years old and are classified with significant disabilities. SCD supports students who are working towards obtaining their New York State diploma or an Individualized Education Plan (“IEP”) certificate. There is a strong emphasis on curriculum,

vocational skills as well as functional life skills to help students succeed after they leave school either for college, employment or post secondary options.

At the conclusion of the 2012-2013 year, Khalil Gibran would no longer serve eighth grade or any middle school grades. Khalil Gibran would continue to gradually phase-in high school grades by adding one grade each year, until it reaches full scale in 2015-2016 serving 9-12th grade. In 2013-2014, Khalil Gibran would enroll students in grades nine and ten. In 2014-2015, Khalil Gibran would enroll students in grades nine through eleven. Finally, in the 2015-2016 school year, Khalil Gibran would achieve full scale and serve approximately 300-325 students in grades nine through twelve. The DOE is proposing to re-site Khalil Gibran because the building where it is currently sited is not equipped to serve high school grades.

On February 1, 2011 the Panel for Educational Policy voted on and approved the proposal to phase out MCA due to its long standing performance struggles. Beginning in September 2011, MCA will no longer admit new ninth-grade students.

MCA would complete phasing out in June 2014. Thus, Khalil Gibran would only be co-located with MCA for two years. In the long term, K806 will only house Khalil Gibran and SCD.

On March 24, 2011, the DOE issued an amended notice that provided dates for the joint public hearings on this proposal.

This amended notice provides a new date and location for the Panel for Educational Policy (“PEP”) vote on this proposal. The proposal is being scheduled for a later PEP vote in order to provide the community with an opportunity to continue to offer further feedback on this proposal. Thus, this proposal will no longer be voted upon on April 28, 2011, rather the PEP will vote on this proposal on May 18, 2011.

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/May182011Proposals.htm>

Copies of the EIS are also available in the main offices of Khalil Gibran, MCA, and SCD.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D13Proposals@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 hearings for this proposal.

Joint public hearings were held on April 4, 2011 at Khalil Gibran / P.S. 287 and on April 14, 2011 at MCA / SCD to gather community feedback. The transcripts of the hearings are available at the following link:

<http://schools.nyc.gov/community/planning/changes/brooklyn/KhalilGibran>.

Questions about the proposal can 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.

May 18, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

Long Island City High School

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Queens, NY 11106