



**Department of
Education**

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Second Revised Notice

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The Proposed Co-location of a New Charter School, ROADS Charter High School I (84K653), 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.

On March 3, 2011, the New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) issued an Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) and a Building Utilization Plan (“BUP”) describing a proposal to “co-locate” a new charter high school, ROADS Charter High School I (84K653, “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”). If this proposal is approved, ROADS Charter School I would be co-located with Aspirations Diploma Plus High School (23K646, “Aspirations Diploma Plus”), an existing transfer high school, in K894. Aspirations Diploma Plus currently serves students who are classified as ninth, tenth, eleventh, and twelfth graders based on their credit accumulation. 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 charter school application for ROADS Charter School I was approved by the New York State Department of Education Board of Regents at its March 29, 2011 meeting.

ROADS Charter School I is designed to serve disconnected youth—over-age and under-credited students—in grades nine through twelve. ROADS Charter School I would offer these students customized and rigorous curriculum, socio-emotional support, and work-based experiences that foster student engagement and enhance student learning. ROADS Charter School I would enroll students through the charter lottery application process. Preference in the charter lottery application process for the 2012-2013 school year will be given to students who: (1) have been in prison or juvenile detention or have a criminal record; (2) are or have been involved with the foster care system or child welfare system; (3) are or have been homeless or runaway youth; (4) have formerly dropped out of school; or (5) are at least a year behind their graduation cohort.

Students who reside in District 23 and other students who meet the school's preference criteria would receive admissions preference through the charter lottery application process.

The DOE published a revised EIS and revised BUP on April 15, 2011.

The BUP was revised in the following manner:

- The full-size science lab was re-classified as a shared space;
- as a result, the room allocations for all school organizations were adjusted in order to more accurately reflect the total full-size, half-size, and quarter-size spaces in K894;
- the proposed shared space schedule was adjusted; and
- the DOE clarified the rationale for the amount of time that each co-located school is allocated in the shared spaces under this proposal.

In addition, the revised EIS published on April 15, 2011 was modified to note that the charter school's application was approved by the New York State Department of Education Board of Regents and correct a statement in the EIS stating that Appendix B included a list of Referral Centers.

The DOE has now published a second revised proposal. The revisions to the EIS and BUP are described in detail in Section II below.

This second revised notice also provides updated information about the Joint Public Hearing that will take place on this proposal. That hearing will take place on June 15, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at K894, which is located at 1495 Herkimer Street, Brooklyn, NY 11233.

The second revised proposal will also be subject to a vote by the Panel for Educational Policy ("PEP") on June 27, 2011 at 6:00 P.M. at The High School for Fashion Industries, which is located at 225 W. 24th Street, New York, NY 10011.

If this second revised proposal is approved, ROADS Charter School I would enroll approximately 125-150 ninth grade students through the charter lottery application process for the 2012-2013 school year. ROADS Charter School I would phase in to K894 gradually, adding new ninth grade students each year until it reaches full-scale in 2015-2016 when it would serve students in grades nine through twelve. The school would operate at full scale in terms of enrollment numbers in the 2014-2015 school year though it is expected to reach its full grade span of 9-12 in the 2015-2016 school year. Admission to the charter school would be open to students who are between the ages of 15-17 and who have 0-11 academic credits.

II. Identification of all revisions, including substantial revisions to the item.

The second revised EIS changes the date on which ROADS Charter School I would open from September 2011 to September 2012 because the charter school is going to take the year to continue planning for the school's development. This second revised EIS also includes 2011-2012 final enrollment projections for Aspirations Diploma Plus.

The BUP for this proposal has also been revised in the following manner:

- The DOE has noted that ROADS Charter School I will open in September 2012 and not in September 2011 as originally intended; and
- Aspirations Diplomat Plus' projected enrollment for 2011-2012 has been adjusted based on the DOE's final enrollment projections.

III. Summary of all public comment received to date.

No written or oral comments have been received to date on this proposal.

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

The second revised EIS and second revised BUP can be found on the Department of Education's Website: <http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2010-2011/June2011Proposals>. Copies of the second revised EIS and second revised BUP are available in the main office of Aspirations Diploma Plus High School.

V. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to HS.Proposals@schools.nyc.gov.
Oral comments can be left at 212-374-0208.

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

A new Joint Public Hearing will be held to gather public comment on this second revised proposal:

Date: June 15, 2011
Time: 6:00 P.M.
Location: Building K894
495 Herkimer Street, Brooklyn, NY 11233

Questions about the proposal can be directed as indicated in section VI 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 Ms. Fernández at the e-mail address or telephone number above.

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

Date: June 27, 2011
Time: 6:00 P.M.
Location: The High School for Fashion Industries
225 W. 24th Street, New York, NY 10011