



Revised Notice  
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## **The Proposed Re-siting and Co-location of KIPP High School Grades with Existing Schools I.S. 195 (05M195) and KIPP Infinity Charter School (84M336), and New Design Middle School (05M514) in Building M195**

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

In an Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) posted on January 31, 2011, and amended on March 16, 2011, the New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) proposed to temporarily re-site the high school grades of KIPP Infinity Charter School (84M336, “KIPP Infinity”), KIPP S.T.A.R Charter School (84M726, “KIPP S.T.A.R.”), KIPP Academy Charter School (84X704, KIPP Academy), and KIPP A.M.P. Charter School (84K357, “KIPP A.M.P.”) (hereafter referred to collectively as “KIPP High School”) from its current location on the Mott Haven Educational Campus to building M195, located at 625 West 133<sup>rd</sup> Street, New York, NY 10027 within the geographical confines of Community School District 5. KIPP High School would be co-located in M195 with an existing DOE choice middle school, I.S.195 Roberto Clemente (05M195, “I.S. 195”), a new District middle school, New Design Middle School (05M514, “New School”) and the elementary and middle school grades of KIPP Infinity Charter School (“KIPP Infinity K-8”), an existing public charter school currently serving Kindergarten and grades five through eight in M195. 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. KIPP High School would be co-located in the M195 building for the 2011-2012 and the 2012-2013 school years. In 2013-2014, KIPP High School would move into private space. The proposal was approved by the Panel for Educational Policy (“PEP”) on March 23, 2011.

The DOE has now published a revised EIS and revised Building Utilization Plan (“BUP”) in response to public comments on this and other proposals. The revisions to the EIS and BUP are described in detail in Section II below.

**This revised notice also provides information about joint public hearings that will take place regarding this proposal. The revised proposal will be subject to a vote by the Panel for Educational Policy (“PEP”), the date and location of which are set forth below.**

In a separate Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) published on December 18, 2010, the DOE proposed to gradually phase out and eventually close I.S. 195 because of its low performance and inability to turn around quickly to better support student needs. That proposal was approved by the PEP on February 1, 2011. In another EIS, published on January 31, 2011 and amended on

March 16, 2011, the DOE proposed to open New School, a new District middle school to replace I.S. 195 and provide a high quality option to middle school students in District 5. That proposal was approved by the PEP on March 23, 2011. Both of these proposals noted that there would still be room in M195 to serve additional students. The EIS for New School also reflects this proposal to temporarily co-locate KIPP High School in M195.

KIPP High School currently enrolls a total of 325 students in ninth and tenth grades, of whom 74 are enrolled in KIPP S.T.A.R., 111 in KIPP Infinity, 86 in KIPP Academy and 54 in KIPP A.M.P. KIPP High School admits students articulating from the four above-named KIPP school eighth grades; remaining available seats are offered to students from KIPP's waitlist or by lottery, as appropriate. As stated above, this would be a temporary siting for KIPP High School. KIPP is in the process of building a new high school building, which is expected to be ready to serve students in school year 2013-2014. At that time, KIPP High School would move out of M195. KIPP High School is currently located on the Mott Haven Educational Campus in the South Bronx in Building X790, located at 730 Concourse Village West, Bronx, NY 10451, in District 7, where they are co-located with schools P.S. X188 (07X188), Bronx Leadership Academy II High School (07X527), New Explorers High School (07X547), and Urban Assembly School for Careers in Sports (07X548). There is not sufficient space in Building X790 for KIPP High School grades to remain until the new facility is ready for occupancy.

In 2009-2010, the schools in M195 enrolled a total of 1,038 students. According to the Enrollment Capacity Utilization Report (the "Blue Book"), the building had a target capacity of 1,386 and a utilization rate of 75% of target capacity. In 2010-2011, KIPP Infinity K-8 and I.S. 195 enrolled a total of 796 students in M195, yielding a target capacity of 57%. If this proposal and the proposal to open New School were all approved, in 2011-2012 projected enrollment of the schools in M195 would be approximately 1,355-1,425 students, and M195 would have a projected building utilization rate of 98-103% of target capacity. In 2012-2013, there would be 1,600-1,695 students enrolled in M195, for a building utilization rate of 115-122% of target capacity. Beginning in 2013-2014, after KIPP High School leaves the M195 building, total enrollment of the remaining schools would be 965-1,065 students. At that point, building utilization would be between 70-77% of target capacity, and the building would have room to serve additional students.

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

This revised EIS changes the projected enrollment for I.S. 195 to conform to budget register projections for 2011-2012. It therefore also changes the total number of students projected to be served by all schools and the projected building utilization rate. It also includes information about programs and partnerships at I.S. 195 and KIPP Infinity K-8 and includes more detailed information about New Design Middle School ("New School").

The DOE has also published a revised Building Utilization Plan ("BUP"), which is annexed to this revised EIS. The revised BUP makes the following changes:

- the number of students that I.S. 195 is projected to serve in the coming years has been revised to reflect budget register projections for 2011-2012. The number of sections I.S.

195 will program to serve these students has also been revised, resulting in revisions to I.S. 195's baseline allocation of space in future years;

- the allocation of space between all school organizations has been changed to reflect I.S. 195's increased baseline allocation;
- a dance studio that occupies one full-size classroom and is considered a shared space for the building has been listed as a shared space and has been removed from the total number of rooms available to be allocated to the individual schools;
- a computer lab currently used by I.S. 195 has been added to the total number of rooms available to be allocated to the individual schools;
- the timing of construction to divide one double-sized classroom into two full-size classrooms has been moved up to 2011-2012 instead of 2012-2013, and room allocations for 2011-12 have been adjusted accordingly; and
- the proposed shared space schedule on pages 18-19 has been adjusted and the DOE has clarified the rationale for the amount of time that each co-located school is allocated in the shared spaces under this proposal.

### **III. Summary of all public comment received to date.**

Two joint public hearings regarding this proposal were held, one at I.S. 195 / KIPP Infinity Charter School on March 3, 2011 and one at Mott Haven Educational Campus on March 9, 2011. At the hearings, interested parties had an opportunity to provide input on the proposal. On March 3, 2011, approximately 250 members of the public attended the hearing at I.S. 195 / KIPP Infinity Charter School, and 14 people spoke. Present at the meeting were: District 5 Superintendent Gale Reeves; I.S. 195 School Leadership Team representative Sean Licata; KIPP Co-founder and Superintendent David Levin; and Jenny Sobelman of the DOE Office of Public Affairs. Although Community Education Council 5 had confirmed the hearing date and that they would be able to attend the hearing, no CEC 5 representatives were present.

On March 9, 2011 approximately 25 members of the public attended the hearing at KIPP HS and 5 people spoke. Present at the meeting were: District 7 Superintendent Yolanda Torres; KIPP HS Co-Principal Stephen Ajani; and District 7 Community Education Council ("CEC 7") member Lakisha Walker.

#### The following comments and remarks were made at the joint public hearings:

1. KIPP Co-founder and Superintendent David Levin said he supports the proposal. He said KIPP has experienced significant improvement and produced excellent results in its 16 years serving students in New York. He said he appreciates how I.S. 195 has cooperated so well and accommodated KIPP Infinity as a co-located school, and he looks forward to continuing to work with the staff of I.S. 195.
2. CEC 7 member Lakisha Walker said the proposal would help KIPP HS students because there was not enough space in its current building. She praised the KIPP program and the way the school addressed the needs of all students.
3. KIPP Co-Principal Stephen Ajani said the elementary school and high school are successfully sharing space, but that there is not enough space in the building for both schools to continue to expand. He also stated that sharing is difficult, but

that together they will ensure that every child in building M195 has an exceptional education.

4. Sixteen commenters stated their support for the proposal because they and their family have had numerous positive experiences with KIPP schools. Commenters cited significant academic growth in their students, the quality and dedication of the staff, the way the school addresses special needs, the positive school culture, and the emphasis on college preparedness. Multiple commenters urged the DOE to approve the proposal so that KIPP HS would have enough space and could accommodate additional students in its high school program.

**The DOE received a comment at the Joint Public Hearings that did not directly relate to the proposal.**

1. Ms. Walker expressed concern that the DOE chose to phase out I.S. 195, that not all students have a chance to go a school like KIPP, and that the DOE needs to think about where I.S. 195 students will attend school going forward.

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

The revised EIS and 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 revised EIS and revised BUP are also available in the main offices of KIPP Infinity K-8, KIPP High Schools, and I.S. 195.

**V. Submission of public comment.**

Written comments can be sent to [D05Proposals@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:D05Proposals@schools.nyc.gov).

Oral comments can be left at 212-374-3466.

**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 hearings for this proposal.**

Joint public hearings on this proposal were held on March 3 at I.S. 195 and on March 9 at Mott Haven Educational Campus. The transcripts of these hearings are available at the following links:

<http://schools.nyc.gov/community/planning/changes/manhattan/IS195> and  
<http://schools.nyc.gov/community/planning/changes/manhattan/KIPPHS>

Additional joint public hearings will be held on the revised proposal on the following dates:

June 15, 2011  
6:00 p.m.  
I.S. 195  
625 West 133<sup>rd</sup> Street  
New York, NY 10027

June 16, 2011  
6:00 p.m.  
Mott Haven Educational Campus  
730 Concourse Village West  
Bronx, NY 10451

Questions about the proposal should 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. 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.

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

June 27, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.  
High School of Fashion Industries  
225 West 24th Street,  
New York, NY 10011