



Withdrawal Notice

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The Proposed Temporary Co-location of Brooklyn City Prep Charter School with Brooklyn Academy High School (13K553), Bedford Stuyvesant Preparatory High School (13K575), and a District 75 Inclusion Program, 75K373@79K575 (Bedford Stuyvesant Preparatory High School), in School Building K458

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

On February 5, 2011, the New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) published an Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) proposing to temporarily co-locate a new high school, Brooklyn City Prep Charter School (“Brooklyn City Prep”), in school building K458 (“K458”), located at 832 Marcy Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11216, within the geographical confines of District 13 (“District 13”). Under the proposal, Brooklyn City Prep would have been co-located in building K458 with two existing transfer high schools: Brooklyn Academy High School (13K553) and Bedford Stuyvesant Preparatory High School (13K575), which both serve students aged 16 to 21 who have fallen behind academically and who are more than two years away from graduation. In addition, K458 houses a Living for the Young Family through Education program (“LYFE”), a full-time General Education Development (“GED”) Diploma Plus program and referral center, and a District 75 inclusion program (“75K373@79K575”) that serves students with a range of learning and emotional disabilities at the Bedford Stuyvesant Preparatory High School. 75K373@79K575 students are enrolled in Bedford Stuyvesant Preparatory High School’s general education classes, and, depending on their individual needs, receive Special Education Teacher Support Services (“SETSS”). Building K458 also provides space to two Community Based Organizations (“CBOs”), CAMBA and Teen Choice. 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. An amended notice was published on February 7, 2011 that provided the date for the joint public hearing on the proposal. On March 24, 2011, the DOE issued a second amended notice that provided a date and location for the Panel for Educational Policy’s vote on this proposal. On April 26, 2011, the DOE issued a third amended notice that provided a new date and location for the Panel for Educational Policy’s vote on this proposal.

The DOE is now **withdrawing the proposal** to co-locate Brooklyn City Prep in K458 beginning in the 2011-2012 school year.

As a result, the proposal to co-locate of Brooklyn City Prep in K458 will not be considered by the Panel for Educational Policy (“PEP”) on June 27, 2011.

II. Summary of all public comment received to date.

A joint public hearing regarding this proposal was held at Brooklyn Academy High School / Bedford Stuyvesant / P373K@79K575 on March 10, 2011. A summary of those comments is provided here:

1. Brooklyn Academy School Leadership Team representative Juliet Rose said she is very concerned about the sharing of space by students of different ages. She also asked whether there is any guarantee that the school would be co-located only for two years.

In addition, comments were also received in writing after the initial Public Comment Analysis on this proposal was published. A summary of those comments is provided below:

2. A commenter said a charter school should not be put in a building where there are already schools operating. Hiring an entire, separate staff is a waste of money and resources. Instead, the existing schools should expand to offer new programs. If the principals and staff of the existing schools cannot handle the additional programs, someone should be hired to run them.

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

The EIS can be found on the Department of Education's Web site:

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

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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