



Notice
February 5, 2011

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Chancellor

The Proposed Temporary Co-location of a New Public Charter School, East Harlem Scholars Academy Charter School (84MTBD), with Existing Schools Central Park East I (04M497), Central Park East High School (04M555), and J.H.S. 013 Jackie Robinson (04M013) in Building M013

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

The New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) is proposing to open and temporarily site East Harlem Scholars Academy Charter School (84MTBD, “East Harlem Scholars”), a new public charter school that would serve students in kindergarten through fifth grade, in Building M013 (“M013”), located at 1573 Madison Avenue in Manhattan, in Community School District 4. East Harlem Scholars would be co-located in M013 with Central Park East I (04M497, “CPE I”), J.H.S. 013 Jackie Robinson (04M013, “J13”), and Central Park East High School (04M555, “CPEHS”). 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.

This is a proposal to incubate East Harlem Scholars in M013 for two years: the 2011-2012, and 2012-2013 school years. Incubation means the school will not serve its full grade span during the period of this proposal. The DOE will evaluate the space available in M013 and other District 4 locations and will issue a new Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) for the long-term siting of East Harlem Scholars based on the most appropriate space available for the 2013-2014 school year and beyond.

East Harlem Scholars will be managed by the East Harlem Tutorial Program (“East Harlem Tutorial”), a Community Based Organization (“CBO”) that has provided after-school education to 15,000 East Harlem students over 52 years. East Harlem Tutorial has been approved by its charter authorizer, the State University of New York (“SUNY”), to open a new public charter school in Community School District 4 in Manhattan. The school would open with kindergarten and first-grade classes in 2011-2012, and add one grade each year until it serves 270-300 students in kindergarten through fifth grade. However, as noted above, this proposal deals only with the siting of the school’s kindergarten and first grades in 2011-12, and its kindergarten through second grades in 2012-2013. If this proposal were approved, East Harlem Scholars would serve 90-100 students in kindergarten and first grade in 2011-2012. In 2012-2013, East Harlem Scholars would serve 135-150 students in kindergarten, first and second grades. The school would admit students via the charter school lottery application process, with preference to District 4 residents. East Harlem Tutorial is already active in the M013 building, providing after-school programming to J13, CPEHS, and CPE I students.

M013 has the capacity to serve 1,291 students. In 2010, the building only served 873 students, including pre-kindergarten, yielding a utilization rate of just 68%. If this proposal to site East Harlem Scholars in M013 were approved, East Harlem Scholars would be co-located with J13, CPE I and CPEHS. In 2012-2013, when East Harlem Scholars serves kindergarten through second grade, there would be approximately 1,015-1,135 students served in the building by all four schools, yielding a building utilization rate of 79-88%.

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

The Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) can be found on the Department of Education’s Web site: <http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2010-2011/Mar232011Proposals>

Copies of the EIS are also available in the main offices of Central Park East I, Central Park East High School and J.H.S. 013 Jackie Robinson.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D04Proposals@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.

Name: Benjamin Taylor
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V. Date, time and place of joint public hearing for this proposal.

To Be Determined
Central Park East I / Central Park East High School / J.H.S. 013 Jackie Robinson
1573 Madison Avenue,
New York, NY 10029

Further notice will be provided once a hearing date has been determined. Questions about the proposal should be directed as indicated in section IV above.

Further notification will be provided when a date has been confirmed. 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 Mr. Taylor at the e-mail address or telephone number above.

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

March 23, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.
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29 Fort Greene Place
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