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**NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION - DIVISION OF
PORTFOLIO PLANNING
District 75 School, 75K053, to
Building K422**

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1 [START RECORDING]

2 MR. GARY HECHT: Good evening, we're going
3 to begin the hearing process.

4 FEMALE VOICE: Do we have somebody who can
5 speak Spanish?

6 FEMALE VOICE: Yes we do, Marena [Phonetic].

7 FEMALE VOICE: [Foreign Language]

8 MR. HECHT: Good evening, this is a joint
9 public hearing of the Department of Education,
10 Community Education Council and School
11 Leadership Team, for the revised proposed re-
12 siting of a District 75 school, 75K53 to
13 building K422, beginning in the 2012/13 school
14 year. I'm Gary Hecht, the Superintendent of
15 District 75. We have asked that District 19,
16 Community Education Council and the School
17 Leadership Team of 75K53 to participate in this
18 joint public hearing. I am joined tonight by
19 Principal Leykam of 75K53, from the S.L.T., and
20 it was also indicated that Erica Perez from C.C.
21 19 indicated she would be here this evening, but
22 she has not yet arrived. This hearing is being
23 recorded. The purpose of this hearing is for
24 you to provide comments about the revised
25 proposal. Before I describe the proposal, I

1 want to make sure that you're all aware of the
2 opportunity to provide your input. All those
3 who wish to speak must sign up in the speaker
4 sign up area located outside the auditorium.
5 The sign up list will close in 15 minutes.
6 Speakers will be given the floor in the order
7 that they are signed up. All comments are
8 limited for two minutes. There may be elected
9 officials who arrive at different times
10 throughout the evening. If they wish to speak,
11 we will do our best to accommodate all at the
12 first opportune moment. Those who are here at
13 the start of the public comments segment will be
14 asked to speak first. All comments will be
15 mentioned in the analysis of public comment, to
16 be published and provided to the Panel For
17 Educational Policy, the evening before the panel
18 votes, the voter schedule for May 23rd, 2012. In
19 addition, we welcome any comments and feedbacks
20 that you may have at any time before the panel
21 votes on both proposals. The email address and
22 phone numbers where comments may be made are:
23 d19proposals@schools.nyc.gov, and (212) 374-
24 0208. Proposal summary: On March 21st, 2012,
25 the Panel for Educational Policy proved proposal

1 to re-site one site of a multi-sited District
2 75 school, 75K at 53, that currently serves 368
3 students who are emotionally disturbed, hearing
4 impaired or deaf, intellectually disabled,
5 students with multiple handicaps, learning
6 disabled students and/or autistic students in
7 kindergarten through 12th grade. The students
8 are served in a 12:1:1 ratio, a 12:1:4 ratio, a
9 9:1 inclusion, 8:1 inclusion and 6:1:1 settings.
10 The site that the P.E.P. approved to re-site is
11 P53K at KA38, which is currently located in
12 school building KA38, located at 720 Livonia
13 Ave., Brooklyn, New York, 11207, in community
14 school District 19. Currently, 53A at KA38 is
15 not co-located with any school organization.
16 P53K at KA38 has been approved to be re-sited to
17 school building K422, located at 1065 Elton
18 Street, Brooklyn, New York, 11208 in community
19 school District 19, which is a newly constructed
20 facility, with space designed specifically for
21 use by a District 75 program. This re-siting
22 was approved for implementation beginning in the
23 2012/13 school year. The New York City
24 Department of Education, D.O.E., has revised the
25 above-described proposal. As ascribed in the

1 re-visited Educational Impact Statement,
2 E.I.S., the D.O.E. has revised the number of
3 classes currently enrolled at KA38, that are
4 proposed to be re-sited to K422 in 2012/13
5 school year. The D.O.E. has prepared this
6 revision in direct response to community feed-
7 back, and the concerns raised by the P53K, at
8 KA38 Community about being re-located to
9 multiple locations rather than maintaining the
10 cohesive school community that has been built at
11 53K at KA38. This notice provides information
12 about the joint public hearing that will take
13 place regarding this revised proposal. The
14 revised proposal will be also subject to a new
15 vote by the P.E.P. The date and location of
16 which are set below. K422 is a new building
17 designed to house two secondary schools, serving
18 students in grades 6 through 12 in a District 75
19 program. The building is expected to become
20 available for use by September, 2012. On
21 January 18th, 2012, the P.E.P. approved the
22 D.O.E.'s proposal to re-site, expand and co-
23 locate Academy For Young Writers, 14K404, an
24 existing high school currently located in
25 Community School District 14, with Spring Creek

1 Community School 19K422, a new secondary
2 school, and a District 75 program K422 beginning
3 in the 2012/13 school year. The D.O.E. is now
4 proposing that P53K at KA38 be the District 75
5 program to be cited in K422, which represents
6 the D.O.E.'s complete plan for utilizing the
7 newly constructed K422 building. 75K53 is
8 currently located at seven separate sites
9 throughout Brooklyn, including P53K at KA38.
10 The other six sites are P53K at I.S. 88K,
11 located at 544, 7th Ave. Brooklyn, New York,
12 11215; 53K at P104K, located at 9115, 5th Ave.
13 Brooklyn, New York, 11209; 53K at Abraham
14 Lincoln High School, located at 2800 Ocean
15 Parkway, Brooklyn, New York, 11235; P53K at
16 Kingsborough High School, located at 1830 Shore
17 Blvd, Brooklyn New York, 11235; 53K at I296K,
18 located at 125 Coverage St., Brooklyn, New York,
19 11207 and 53K at 384K, located at 424 Cooper
20 St., Brooklyn, New York, 11207. P53K at KA38
21 currently offers six intellectually disabled and
22 learning-disabled 12:1:1 classes, five multiply
23 handicapped 12:1:4 classes, and two
24 intellectually disabled, and autism 6:1:1
25 classes. The proposed approval by the P.E.P.

1 authorizing the re-siting of eight of the P53K
2 at KA38 classes to 422, specifically three
3 intellectually disabled and learning disabled
4 12:1:1 classes, and five multiply handicapped
5 12:1:4 classes currently served by 53K at KA38,
6 at KA38, have been approved to be re-sited at
7 K422. As discussed in the original E.I.S. 75K53
8 also intended to move one of the intellectually
9 disabled and learning-disabled 12:1:1 classes
10 currently served at P53 at KA38, 253K at I.S.
11 88K, and two intellectually disabled and autism
12 classes, 6:1:1 currently served at P53K, at KA38
13 to 53K at Kingsborough High School. The revised
14 E.I.S. proposes that these three sections of
15 students currently enrolled at 53K, at KA38
16 location, also be re-sited to K422 in the
17 2012/13 school year with the age sections that
18 were already approved by the P.E.P. to be re-
19 sited. While the 11 sections described above
20 will re-sited to K422 under the revised proposal
21 when the students in three of the sections
22 graduate in the coming years, District 75 does
23 not intend to replace these classes with new
24 classes in K422. District 75 projects that the
25 one intellectually disabled and learning-

1 disabled 12:1:1 class is intended to move to
2 P53K at I.S.88, will graduate at the conclusion
3 of the 2012/13 school year. It also projects
4 that one of the intellectually disabled and
5 learning-disabled 12:1:1 classes already
6 approved to be re-sited to K422 will graduate at
7 the conclusion of the 2014/15 school year.
8 Finally, District 75 projects that one of the
9 intellectually disabled and autism 6:1:1 classes
10 is intended to move to P53K at Kingsborough High
11 School, that was expected to move to
12 Kingsborough High School, will graduate at the
13 conclusion of the 2015/16 school year.
14 Therefore, by the beginning of the 2016/17
15 school year, District 75 projects that eight
16 classes of students will be served at K422.
17 There is sufficient space at K422 to accommodate
18 these additional sections in the 2012/13 school
19 year through the 2015/16 school years pursuant
20 to the citywide instructional footprint with the
21 Spring Creek Community School and Academy For
22 Young Writers, complete with their expected
23 expansions. As discussed in the original
24 E.I.S., District 75 projects that one of the two
25 remaining intellectually disabled and learning-

1 disabled 12:1:1 classes will graduate, and the
2 other will articulate into the District 75
3 Brooklyn Transition Center, a vocational program
4 of the District 75 school, 75K373, designed for
5 students over the age of 18. The revised E.I.S.
6 does not affect these projections. The revised
7 proposal also does not affect any of the six
8 other sites of 75K53. Rather than moving
9 existing sections of 75K53 to 53K at I.S. 88K,
10 and 53 at Kingsborough High School, District 75
11 now expects to increase the enrollment at those
12 two sites in the 2012/13 school year in scale
13 approximately with the number of students
14 previously intended to move from P53K at KA38.
15 The revised E.I.S. includes the following
16 modifications, all 11 classes of P53K at KA38
17 will be served in K422, beginning in the 2012/13
18 school year. As students graduate out of the
19 program, District 75 will decrease the number of
20 sections served at K422 from 11 to eight, by the
21 2016/17 school year. Rather than moving
22 existing sections of 7553 at P53K, I.S. 88K, and
23 53K at Kingsborough High School, District 75 now
24 expects to increase the enrollment at these two
25 sites in the 2012/13 school year, in scale

1 approximate with the number of students that
2 previously intended to move from 53K at KA38.
3 This revised proposal also does not affect any
4 of the six other sites of 75K53. Presentation
5 by hearing participants, thank you, the next
6 presenter will be Erica Perez of the District 19
7 Community Education Council. If anybody would
8 like to sign up to speak this evening, please do
9 outside the room to the right. We'll be closing
10 very shortly.

11 FEMALE VOICE: [Foreign language]

12 FEMALE VOICE: Yes.

13 MR. HECHT: Okay, as I said, the next
14 presenter will be Erica Perez of the District 19
15 Community Education Council, Ms. Perez.

16 MS. ERICA PEREZ: Good evening, I feel that
17 this move as a whole is in the best interest of
18 the students. By not dissecting them and
19 putting them in different school communities,
20 they'll be able to acclimate themselves better
21 to the new environment, and it'll be more
22 beneficial, not only toward the students, but
23 for the parents, because they will not have to
24 travel outside of the District 19 community. So
25 I know as a whole, the parents are in agreement

1 with this because this is what they wanted
2 from the beginning. So it is a blessing that
3 the D.O.E. is seeing the best interest of the
4 students, thank you.

5 MR. HECHT: Thank you Ms. Perez. The next
6 presenter will be Principal Leykam of the School
7 Leadership Team.

8 MS. HEATHER LEYKAM: I just wanted to take a
9 minute to say thank you, most especially to
10 Superintendent Hecht, and Deputy Superintendent
11 Ms. Joseph [phonetic], for listening to the
12 concerns of the 53K community, and to the needs
13 of both parents, and the students, and helping
14 work with the Department of Ed. in truly finding
15 the best outcomes and the best placement for all
16 of our students.

17 MR. HECHT: Thank you. We have now
18 concluded the formal presentations. The floor
19 is usually open for comments, however nobody has
20 signed up to speak. Again, we welcome any
21 comments and feedback that you may have at this
22 time, or if you'd like to contact the Panel of
23 Educational Policy before it votes on the
24 proposal at its May 23rd meeting, which will take
25 place at 6 p.m. at the William Howard Taft

1 Educational Campus, located at 240 E, 172 St.,
2 Bronx New York. The email address and phone
3 number where the comments may be made are:
4 district19proposals@schools.nyc.gov, and (212)
5 374-0208. Thank you for your participation.
6 This joint public hearing is now closed.

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4 best of my ability.

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6 Signature *Mausha G. Brandt*

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