

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
DIVISION OF PORTFOLIO
PLANNING**

**Extension of the Co-Location
of DREAM in M050**

**Building M050
433 East 100th Street
New York, NY 10029**

**March 31, 2014
5:30 P.M.**

1 MS. ALEXANDRA ESTRELLA: I guess we are
2 going to get started at this point. Good
3 evening, this is a joint public hearing of the
4 Department of Education, Community Education
5 Council 4, and the School Leadership Teams of
6 P.S. 50, New York Center for Autism Charter
7 School and Dream Charter School for the Proposed
8 Extension and Expansion of the co-location of
9 Dream Charter Schools, kindergarten, first and
10 second grade students in Building MO50 through
11 the 2014-2015 school year .

12 Alongside P.S. 50 and New York Center for
13 Autism Charter School I am Alexandra Estrella,
14 the Superintendent of District 4. I am the
15 chancellor's designee for this hearing

16 I am joined tonight by Principal Cynthia
17 Rochez of P.S. 50. Maura Cray of the New York
18 Center for Autism Charter School and Tracy
19 Douglas of Dream Charter School. At this time
20 we don't have any SOT members and we had one CC
21 member confirm but at this time she is not
22 present. If she arrives we will accommodate her
23 accordingly.

24 This hearing is being recorded. The purpose
25 of this hearing is for you to provide comments

1 about the proposal. This hearing also serves
2 as the facility's hearing for the Department of
3 Education, Dream Charter School's charter
4 authorizer to collect feedback on this proposal.

5 Before I describe the proposal I want to
6 make sure you all are aware of the opportunity
7 to provide your input. All those who wish to
8 speak must sign up in the speaker signup area
9 located by the door. The signup list will close
10 in fifteen minutes.

11 Speakers will be given the floor in the
12 order that they sign up. All comments are
13 limited to two minutes. There may be elected
14 officials who arrive at different times
15 throughout the evening. If they wish to speak
16 we will do our best to accommodate them a first
17 opportunity, appropriate moment.

18 Those who are here at the start of the
19 public comment segment will be asked to speak
20 first. All comments will be included in the
21 analysis of public comments to be published and
22 provided to the panel for education policy the
23 evening before the panel votes. That vote is
24 scheduled for May 6, 2014 at Murray Bertram High
25 School for Business Careers located at 4011

1 Pearl Street, New York, N.Y. 10038.

2 In addition, we welcome any comments and
3 feedback you may have at any time before the
4 panel votes on this proposal. The email address
5 and phone number where comments may be added are
6 D04Proposals@Schools.NYC.Gov and 212-374-3466.

7 I am not going to describe a summary of the
8 proposal. On October 15, 2013 the Panel for
9 Education Policy approved a proposal to
10 temporarily collocate the kindergarten and first
11 grade students of Dream in M050 through this
12 school year, the 2013-2014 school years.

13 Under that proposal Dream expected to move
14 from M050 into non DOE operated space in August
15 2014. However, as a result of a delay in
16 construction Dream will not be able to occupy
17 its non DOE operated space in time for the
18 beginning of the 2014-2015 school year.

19 Dream worked with Harlem RBI, a community
20 based organization that is affiliated with Dream
21 to try to identify alternative space for the
22 2014-2015 school year. Dream also sought
23 assistance from other East Harlem community
24 organizations and Manhattan Commercial Realty
25 Corporation to find suitable space. However,

1 this search did not yield any viable options.
2 Therefore, the DOE now proposes to extend and
3 expand the co-location of Dream in M050 until
4 the conclusion of the 2014-2015 school year.

5 This proposal allows Dream to continue to
6 serve students and families in District 4. IF
7 this co-location proposal is approved by the
8 PEP, Dream's kindergarten, first and second
9 grade students will continue to attend school in
10 this building through the 2014-2015 school year.

11 The DOE's designee Juan Rosales, Sr. Advisor
12 with the Division of Family & Community
13 Engagement visited the building and met with the
14 community to discuss this proposal last Thursday
15 on March 27th.

16 Construction is underway on the new facility
17 for Dream also located in District 4. Civic
18 Builders, Inc, the entity responsible for the
19 construction of that facility has advised the
20 Department of Education that the facility will
21 be completed for students, student occupancy by
22 August 2015.

23 The School Construction Authority will
24 continue to visit the construction site
25 periodically to observe and confirm the progress

1 on the facility's construction.

2 At this point I am going to initiate the
3 presentation by hearing participants. At this
4 point I am going to call up Mr. Paul Clarke from
5 P.S. 50.

6 MR. PAUL CLARKE: Thank you and welcome to
7 P.S. 50. I would just like to say you are the
8 best collocated partners we could ever imagine.
9 We've had peace and harmony since you've all
10 been in the building and I would like to
11 preserve this peace.

12 So I looked at the building utilization plan
13 and I saw there was no mention at all of the
14 peace garden and I wondered why a million and a
15 half dollar capital project that directly
16 impacts on you and us and the shared space was
17 not at all mentioned.

18 So I have a couple of requests or
19 recommendations. I'm not sure, first of all
20 what spaces you are inquiring about, but I would
21 recommend that the space contiguous or nearest
22 to the garden up there be retained by P.S. 50 so
23 we have access, we have classroom access and
24 office access because we are storing materials
25 and supplies for the garden.

1 I would also like to request that I can
2 input to the--you are have a Shared Space
3 Committee, I believe, because as concerns come
4 up to just help kind of facilitate concerns
5 particularly with the warm weather, because we
6 are going to be having gardens in the large
7 yard, where your family--where you all dismiss
8 and things like that. So just you know to help
9 kind of smooth the communication, I would like
10 to be part of that, if you don't mind.

11 And, also, I am not sure how the--is it the
12 Borough Director of Space who kind of walks
13 through the buildings to determine the footprint
14 and the allocation and stuff like that? To
15 recommend that--I don't know, perhaps they do,
16 check with the SCA, because I would have
17 expected that the building, that the plan would
18 have indicated that we have a major project that
19 is going to impact your school directly and that
20 lobby there, we call that exit 4, I believe, so
21 those spaces just to be aware that you know
22 during the course of this year, this extended
23 year that those spaces we will kind of have to
24 renegotiate and you know be flexible on how we
25 work with that space.

1 Okay, thank you, very much

2 MS. ESTRELLA: At this point any member from
3 the panel who wishes to speak.

4 Since the speaker list is now exhausted,
5 again we welcome any comments and feedback you
6 may have at any time before the Panel for
7 Education Policy votes on this proposal at its
8 May 6 meeting. The email address and phone
9 number where comments may be made are
10 DO4Proposals@Schools.NYC.gov and 212-374-3466.

11 Thank you for your participation, this joint
12 public hearing is now closed.

13 [END RECORDING]

14

15

16

17

18

19

20

21

22

23

24

25

C E R T I F I C A T E

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24

The prior proceedings were transcribed from audio files and have been transcribed to the best of my ability.

Signature [Vendor must insert scanned signature]

Date _____