



Notice
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Chancellor

The Proposed Expansion and Extension of the Co-Location of Corona Arts and Sciences Academy (24Q311) with Civic Leadership Academy (24Q293), Pan American International High School (24Q296), VOYAGES Preparatory (24Q744), and Queens Transition Center (75Q752) in Elmhurst Educational Campus in Building Q744 for the 2015-2016 School Year, and the Proposed Re-siting and Co-location of M.S. 311 with a D75 School in New Building Q311 Beginning in the 2016-2017 School Year

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

The New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) is proposing to extend the co-location of Corona Arts and Sciences Academy (24Q311, “M.S. 311”) and expand the scope of the co-location of M.S. 311 by adding eighth grade in Elmhurst Educational Campus building Q744 (“Q744”), located at 45-10 94th Street, Queens, NY 11373 in Community School District 24 (“District 24”), for the 2015-2016 school year. M.S. 311 is a new district middle school that will be co-located temporarily in Q744 with Civic Leadership Academy (24Q293, “Civic Leadership”), an existing high school serving students in grades nine through twelve; Pan American International High School (24Q296, “Pan American”), an existing international high school serving students in grades nine through twelve; VOYAGES Preparatory (24Q744, “Voyages”), an existing transfer school serving students in grades nine through twelve; and P752@Q744, one site of a multi-site District 75 (“D75”) school (Queens Transition Center, “75Q752”) serving students in grades nine through twelve. After the 2015-2016 school year, M.S. 311 would be re-sited and co-located with a yet-to-be determined D75 school (“75QTBD”) in new building Q311 (“Q311”), which is designed to accommodate a middle school and a D75 school and is expected to be completed for occupancy by the 2016-2017 school year. 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.

On December 20, 2012 the Panel for Educational Policy (“PEP”) approved the temporary co-location of M.S. 311 in the Q744 building, and the re-siting and co-location of M.S. 311 with a D75 school in new building Q311, located at 97-11 44th Avenue, Queens, NY 11368 beginning in the 2015-2016 school year. Under the original proposal approved by the PEP, M.S. 311 was

expected to be co-located for the 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 school years only. After two years in Q744, M.S. 311 would be re-sited and co-located with 75QTBD in new building Q311, which is designed to accommodate a middle school and a D75 school, and was expected to be completed for occupancy by the 2015-2016 school year. This co-location was identified as temporary because M.S. 311 would be re-sited to new building Q311, where it would grow to scale as a middle school serving students in grades six through eight.

However, the construction of Q311 has been delayed, and Q311 is now expected to be complete for the 2016-2017 school year, rather than the 2015-2016 school year. Therefore, the DOE is proposing that M.S. 311 stay in Q744 for one additional year, and expand in Q744 to serve students in sixth through eighth grade in 2015-2016 as it continues to phase in. M.S. 311 would be re-sited to Q311 for the 2016-2017 school year.

M.S. 311 is a new zoned middle school that will open in September 2013 in Q744, where it will be co-located with Civic Leadership, Pan American, Voyages, and P752@Q744. In 2013-2014, M.S. 311 is projected to enroll 81 students in sixth grade. In 2014-2015, M.S. 311 will serve approximately 150-170 students in sixth and seventh grades. If this proposal is approved by the PEP, M.S. 311 will continue to be co-located in Q744 with Civic Leadership, Pan American, Voyages, and P752@Q744 and will expand to serve approximately 225-255 students in sixth through eighth grade in the 2015-2016 school year. In 2016-2017, M.S. 311 will move to a long-term location in new building Q311, where it will be able to enroll a larger cohort of sixth-grade students for the 2016-2017 school year and beyond. In 2018-2019, when the school achieves “full scale” in building Q311, it will serve approximately 780-810 students in sixth through eighth grades.

Civic Leadership is a limited unscreened high school that is serving approximately 441 students in ninth through twelfth grades during the 2013-2014 school year.

Pan American is a screened international high school that is serving approximately 338 students in ninth through twelfth grades who have lived in the United States for four years or fewer at the time of admission to high school and whose home language is not English. International schools are designed to provide quality education for recently arrived immigrant students through a unique educational model.

Voyages is a transfer school that is serving approximately 250 students who are 16 years of age or older. Transfer schools are small, academically rigorous high schools designed to re-engage students who have dropped out of high school or have fallen behind. These schools are designed to create a personalized learning environment and to provide students with connections to college. Students graduate with a high school diploma from the transfer school they attend.

P752@Q744 is serving approximately 53 students in grades nine through twelve who are classified as intellectually disabled (“ID”) under an Individualized Education Program (“IEP”) in Self-Contained (“SC”) sections in 12:1:1 classrooms settings (ratio of students: teacher: paraprofessional). Students are placed in D75 programs based on their individual needs and recommended special education services and are referred to D75 during a period that extends into summer.

Q744 has the capacity to serve 1,482 students. In the 2013-2014 school year, the building is serving approximately 1,163 students, yielding a utilization rate of 78%. This means that the building is “underutilized” and has space to accommodate additional students. If this proposal is approved, there will be sufficient space to accommodate all schools in Q744. In M.S. 311’s final year of co-location in 2015-2016, the Q744 building would serve approximately 1,251-1,395 students, yielding a building utilization rate of 84%-94%.

If re-siting M.S. 311 to new construction after the 2015-2016 school year is not feasible for any reason, the DOE will re-assess the space at Q744 and, if appropriate, extend the co-location, or propose an alternative siting plan. The DOE would issue a separate Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) describing any alternate plan for M.S. 311 or Q744.

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/2013-2014/Oct30SchoolProposals>.

Copies of the EIS are also available in the main offices of Civic Leadership, Pan American, Voyages, and P752@Q744.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D24Proposals@schools.nyc.gov

Oral comments can be left at 212-374-7621.

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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V. Date, time and place of joint public hearings for this proposal.

October 1st, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.
Elmhurst Educational Campus
45-10 94th Street
Queens, NY 11373

Questions about the proposal should be directed as indicated in section IV above.

Speaker sign-up will begin 30 minutes before the hearing and will close 15 minutes after the start.

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

October 30, 2013 at 6:00pm

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883 Classon Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11225