



Notice  
August 29, 2013

Dennis M. Walcott  
Chancellor

## **The Proposed Opening and Co-location of New District Elementary School 28Q312 with Existing School P.S. 40 Samuel Huntington (28Q040) Beginning in the 2014-2015 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 co-locate a new district elementary school, 28Q312, that will serve students in grades kindergarten through five, in building Q040 (“Q040”) and temporary classroom unit (“TCU”) Q998 located at 109-20 Union Hall Street, Queens, NY 11433, in Community School District 28 (“District 28”), beginning in the 2014-2015 school year. 28Q312 will be co-located in Q040 with P.S. 40 Samuel Huntington (28Q040, “P.S. 40”), an existing elementary school serving students in grades kindergarten through five, which also offers a pre-kindergarten program. In addition, Goodwill, Studio in a School, and Manhattan New Music Project (“MNMP”), three community based organizations (“CBOs”), are located in Q040.

P.S. 40 is a zoned elementary school that is serving approximately 546 students in kindergarten through fifth grade and a pre-kindergarten program in Q040 during the 2013-2014 school year. A student’s zoned school is determined by his or her home address.

28Q312 is a new elementary school that, if this proposal is approved, will open in September 2014 in Q040, where it will be co-located with P.S. 40. 28Q312 will be a zoned elementary school that will give priority to students residing in the Q040 zone and will grow to serve students in kindergarten through fifth grade. 28Q312 and P.S. 40 will share a zone, and future students in that shared residential zone will have admissions priority to both of the schools in the zone, in accordance with Chancellor’s Regulation A-101.

In the year 2014-2015 school year, 28Q312 will enroll approximately 45-55 students in kindergarten. In 2019-2020, 28Q312 will complete its phase-in, reaching full scale, and serving approximately 270-330 students in grades kindergarten through five.

According to the 2011-2012 Enrollment, Capacity, Utilization Report (the “Blue Book”), Q040 has the capacity to serve 886 students. In the 2013-2014 school year, the building is projected to serve approximately 546 students, yielding an estimated utilization rate of 62%. 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 P.S. 40 and 28Q312. Once

28Q312 reaches full scale in 2019-2020, the Q040 building will serve approximately 786-906 students, yielding an estimated building utilization rate of 89%-102%.

Although a utilization rate in excess of 100% may suggest that a building will be over-utilized or over-crowded in a given year, this rate does not account for the fact that rooms may be programmed for more efficient or different uses than the standard assumptions in the utilization calculation, as described in Section III.B. The proposed opening and co-location of 28Q312 in building Q040 is part of the DOE's central goal to create new school options that will better serve future students and the community at large. The proposed co-location of new school 28Q312 will provide students residing in the Q040 zone and in the District 28 community with an additional elementary school option.

## **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 P.S. 40's main office.

## **III. Submission of public comment.**

Written comments can be sent to [D28Proposals@Schools.nyc.gov](mailto:D28Proposals@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 9, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.  
Building Q040  
109-20 Union Hall Street  
Queens, NY 11433

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  
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