



Notice  
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Chancellor

## **The Proposed Co-Location of New Public Elementary Charter School, Success Academy Charter School – New York 6 (84QTBD), with Existing Schools I.S. 59 Springfield Gardens (29Q059) and P.S. 176 Cambria Heights (29Q176) in Building Q059 Beginning in 2014-2015**

### **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 Success Academy Charter School – New York 6 (84QTBD, “SA – New York 6”), a new public elementary charter school that will serve students in kindergarten through eighth grade, in building Q059 (“Q059”), located at 132-55 Ridgedale Street, Queens, NY 11413 in Community School District 29 (“District 29”) beginning in the 2014-2015 school year. If this proposal is approved, SA – New York 6 will be co-located in Q059 with I.S. 59 Springfield Gardens (29Q059, “I.S. 59”), an existing district middle school, and P.S. 176 Cambria Heights (29Q176, “P.S. 176”), an existing district elementary school that will serve grades four and five in Q059 for a three-year period starting in the 2013-2014 school year during construction of the school’s addition.

On April 17, 2013, the Panel for Educational Policy (“PEP”) approved a proposal to temporarily re-site and co-locate two grade levels of P.S. 176 in building Q059 beginning in the 2013-2014 school year. P.S. 176 is a zoned elementary school that currently serves students in kindergarten through third grade, and a pre-kindergarten program in building Q176 (“Q176”), located at 120-45 235<sup>th</sup> Street, Queens, NY 11411, in District 29. Beginning in the 2013-2014 school year, P.S. 176 will temporarily serve grades four and five in Q059 for a three-year period during construction of its addition. The DOE plans to move P.S. 176’s students to main building Q176 or the new permanent site adjacent to building Q176 after the 2015-2016 school year.

I.S. 59 is a zoned middle school serving students in grades six through eight in building Q059. I.S. 59 will admit students for the 2014-2015 school year and beyond through the middle school application process using an unscreened admissions method, with a priority to the Q059 zone.

Success Academy Charter Schools (“SACS”) is a charter management organization (“CMO”) that currently operates 18 public charter schools in New York City, including six new public elementary schools serving students for the first time in 2013-2014. The four SACS elementary schools that received a Progress Report for the 2011-2012 school year all received an overall

grade of A.

SA – New York 6 has submitted a preliminary application for charter authorization from the State University of New York Trustees (“SUNY”) to serve students in kindergarten through fifth grades. SACS has also informed the DOE that it intends to apply to SUNY to expand its grade span to serve students in kindergarten through eighth grade, reaching full grade span in 2021-2022. The proposal to open and co-locate kindergarten through eighth grade of SA – New York 6 in Q059 described in this EIS is contingent upon SUNY’s approval of SA – New York 6’s application for charter authorization and for expansion. Only SUNY has the authority to approve or deny SA – New York 6’s application for charter authorization and expansion. If SUNY does not approve SA – New York 6’s charter application, this proposal will not be implemented. Should SUNY approve SA – New York 6’s application for kindergarten through fifth grade, but deny the expansion, SA – New York 6 will only serve students in kindergarten through fifth grades in the building. For the purposes of this proposal, it is assumed that SUNY will approve SA – New York 6’s application for charter authorization and expansion.

If this proposal is approved, SA – New York 6 will open in the 2014-2015 school year serving a total of 150-210 kindergarten and first grade students and will add one grade each year until it reaches full grade span serving students in kindergarten through eighth grade in the 2021-2022 school year. Although SA – New York 6 will reach full grade span in the 2021-2022 school year, its enrollment will stabilize in the 2023-2024 school year, when it is expected to serve 675-810 students in kindergarten through eighth grade. SA – New York 6 will admit students via the charter lottery application process, with preference given to District 29 residents.

According to the 2011-2012 Enrollment, Capacity, Utilization Report (“Blue Book”), Q059 has a target capacity of 1,295 students, but in 2013-2014 the building serves approximately 777 students, yielding a building utilization rate of 60%. This means that the building is “under-utilized” and has space to accommodate additional students. In 2015-2016, during the last year when P.S. 176 is temporarily co-located in Q059, all three schools will serve a total of 855-975 students in Q059, yielding a building utilization rate of 66%-75%. In 2023-2024, once SA – New York 6 is at full scale and reaches stable enrollment in Q059, it is projected that there will be approximately 1,140-1,305 students served in Q059, thereby yielding an estimated building utilization rate of approximately 88%-101%. 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.

The DOE supports SA – New York 6’s placement in District 29 in order to provide a new educational option for students and families.

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

The Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) and Building Utilization Plan (“BUP”) 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 and BUP are also available in I.S. 59's and P.S. 176's main offices.

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

Written comments can be sent to [D29Proposals@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:D29Proposals@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<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.  
Building Q059  
132-55 Ridgedale Street  
Queens, NY 11413

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 45 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  
  
Prospect Heights Campus  
883 Classon Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11225