



Notice

September 12, 2013

Dennis M. Walcott
Chancellor

The Proposed Co-location of New District Elementary School 31R010 with Existing School P.S. 16 John J. Driscoll (31R016) 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 open and co-locate a new zoned district elementary school 31R010 (“31R010”) with existing district elementary school P.S. 16 John J. Driscoll (31R016, “P.S. 16”) in building R016 (“R016”) beginning in the 2014-2015 school year. Building R016 is located at 80 Monroe Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10301, in Community School District 31 (“District 31”). If this proposal is approved, 31R010 will be co-located with P.S. 16 and will share an elementary school zone with P.S. 16 and P.S. 74 Future Leaders Elementary School (31R074, “P.S. 74”), which is in building R831 (“R831”) located at 211 Daniel Low Terrace, Staten Island, NY 10301. Future students in that shared residential zone will have admissions priority to all of the schools in the zone: the new zoned elementary school, 31R010, and the existing shared-zoned elementary schools, P.S. 16 and P.S. 74, in accordance with Chancellor’s Regulation A-101. If this proposal is approved, 31R010 will begin enrolling kindergarten students in 2014-2015 and will add one grade per year until it reaches full scale and serves students in kindergarten through fifth grades in 2019-2020.

Concurrently, the DOE is planning to reduce the enrollment at P.S. 16 beginning in September 2014 over a period of six years. Details of the year-by-year reduction are included in Section III.B below. Beginning in September 2014, P.S. 16 will enroll 70-80 kindergarten students, as opposed to the 100-175 kindergarten students it has enrolled in recent years. This reduction of P.S. 16’s enrollment will enable 31R010 to open in building R016 and grow to scale. The DOE does not anticipate reducing P.S. 16’s enrollment if this proposal to co-locate 31R010 is not approved.

P.S. 16 will admit fewer kindergarten students after the end of the 2013-2014 school year and will continue to admit a reduced number of kindergarten students in subsequent years. By 2019-2020, enrollment at P.S. 16 will decrease by approximately 210-270 students so that, at scale, it will serve 456-516 students in pre-kindergarten through fifth grades.

According to the 2011-2012 Enrollment, Capacity, Utilization Report (“Blue Book”), R016 has a target capacity of 827 students. The building is projected to serve 726 students, yielding a building utilization rate of 88%. The DOE believes there is sufficient space in building R016 to accommodate 31R010 and P.S. 16 over the course of this proposal.

If this co-location proposal is approved, 31R010 will gradually phase into R016 while P.S. 16 simultaneously reduces its enrollment. The new school will serve students in kindergarten in the 2014-2015 school year and will add one grade level every year until the school reaches its full grade span of kindergarten through fifth grades in the 2019-2020 school year, serving approximately 270-330 students. In 2019-2020, once P.S. 16 has completed its enrollment reduction and 31R010 is at full scale, it is projected that there will be approximately 726-846 students served in R016, thereby yielding an estimated building utilization rate of approximately 88%-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.

The proposed opening and co-location of 31R010 in building R016 is part of the DOE's central goal to create new school options that will better serve future students and the community at large and to provide another option in the R016 building. Future students in that shared residential zone will have admissions priority to all of the schools in the zone: the new zoned elementary school, 31RTBD, and the existing shared-zoned elementary schools, P.S. 16 and P.S. 74, in accordance with Chancellor's Regulation A-101. If this proposal to co-locate 31R010 is approved, the elementary school seats that will be lost as a result of the enrollment reduction at P.S. 16 will be largely recovered by the new seats created by the opening of 31R010. 31R010 will provide a new educational option for families in District 31.

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. 16's main office.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D31Proposals@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 hearing for this proposal.

Friday, October 25 at 6:30 p.m.
Building R016
80 Monroe Avenue
Staten Island, NY 10301

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.

VII. 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 Ave
Brooklyn, NY 11225