



Notice
September 12, 2013

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Chancellor

The Proposed Co-Location of a New Elementary School (07X429) in Building X001 with P.S. 001 Courtlandt School (07X001) 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 open and co-locate a new district elementary school (07X429, “07X429”), which will serve students in kindergarten through fifth grades in building X001 (“X001”), located at 335 East 152 Street Bronx, NY 10451, in Community School District 7 (“District 7”), beginning in the 2014-2015 school year. Building X001 currently houses P.S. 001 Courtlandt School (07X001, “P.S. 1”), an existing elementary school currently serving students in kindergarten through fifth grades and offering a pre-kindergarten program. If this proposal is approved, 07X429 will be co-located with P.S. 1 in building X001 beginning in 2014-2015. 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.

If this proposal is approved, 07X429 will begin serving approximately 45-55 kindergarten students in the 2014-2015 school year in building X001. 07X429 will serve one additional grade each subsequent year until 2019-2020, the final year of phase-in, when 07X429 will serve approximately 270-330 students in kindergarten through fifth grades. The school will admit students via the District 7 Elementary School Choice Admissions Process. As discussed in greater detail in Section III.A of this proposal, on November 26, 2012, the District 7 Community Education Council (“CEC”) independently voted to un-zone the elementary schools in District 7.

Concurrently, the DOE is planning to reduce enrollment at P.S. 1 over the course of six years. Beginning in September 2014, P.S. 1 will admit a smaller incoming kindergarten class of approximately 45-55 students, as opposed to approximately 97 kindergarten students it is serving this year. The school will continue to take in approximately 45-55 kindergarten students in future years until all grades, kindergarten through five, serve fewer sections in 2019-2020. At that point, enrollment will stabilize at a new, lower level. This reduction of P.S. 1’s enrollment will enable 07X429 to open in building X001 and grow to scale. P.S. 1 will continue to offer its pre-kindergarten program at its current size, assuming continued demand and funding. P.S. 1 will continue to participate in the District 7 Elementary School Choice Admissions Process. If this co-location proposal is not approved by the Panel for Educational Policy (“PEP”), the DOE may reconsider reducing P.S. 1’s enrollment.

According to the 2011-2012 Enrollment Capacity Utilization Report (“Blue Book”), X001 has a target capacity of 757 students. In the 2013-2014 school year, P.S. 1 is serving approximately 635 students in kindergarten through fifth grades and pre-kindergarten, yielding a building utilization rate of approximately 84%. If this proposal is approved, in 2019-2020, once 07X429’s kindergarten through fifth grades have fully phased in and P.S.1’s enrollment reduction is complete, 07X429 will serve approximately 270-330 students and P.S.1 will serve approximately 288-348 students. Combined, the building will serve a total of approximately 558-678 students, yielding a building utilization rate of approximately 74%-90%. As described in greater detail in Section II below, the building has sufficient space to accommodate both schools throughout the enrollment reduction at P.S.1 and phase-in of 07X429.

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 P.S. 1’s main office.

III. Submission of public comment.

D07Proposals@schools.nyc.gov

Oral comments can be left at 212-374-5159.

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 23, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.
Building X001
335 East 152 Street
Bronx, NY 10451

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 6:00 p.m.

The Prospect Heights Campus
883 Classon Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 10301