



Notice
September 12, 2013

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Chancellor

The Proposed Co-Location of Grades Six Through Eight of Girls Preparatory Charter School of the Bronx (84X487) with Existing Schools M.S. 301 Paul L. Dunbar (08X301) and P.S. X188 (75X188) in Building X120, 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 grades six through eight of Girls Preparatory Charter School of the Bronx (84X487, “Girls Prep Bronx”) in building X120 (“X120”), located at 890 Cauldwell Avenue, Bronx, NY 10456, in Community School District 8 (“District 8”), beginning in the 2014-2015 school year. If this proposal is approved, Girls Prep Bronx will be co-located with existing schools M.S. 301 Paul L. Dunbar (08X301, “M.S. 301”), a zoned middle school that serves sixth through eighth grade students; and one site of P.S. X188 (75X188, “P188X@I301X”), a multi-sited District 75 school that serves students in grades six through eight at this site. 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.

Girls Prep Bronx is an existing charter school that currently serves students in kindergarten through fifth grades in building X052, located at 681 Kelly Street, Bronx, NY 10455 in Community School District 8, 0.8 miles away from X120. If this proposal is approved, Girls Prep Bronx will serve students in sixth grade in X120 in the 2014-2015 school year, and will add one grade level each year until it reaches full scale serving sixth through eighth grade students in X120 by the 2016-2017 school year. As discussed in further detail in Section III.A of the Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”), this proposal is not anticipated to have an impact on either M.S. 301’s or P188X@I301X’s admissions processes, enrollment, instructional programming, partnerships, or extra-curricular offerings.

Public Prep is a charter management organization (“CMO”) that currently operates two public charter schools in New York City, including Girls Prep Bronx. In addition, Public Prep will open another public charter elementary school, Boys Preparatory Charter School, which will admit students beginning in the 2014-2015 school year in building X107, also located in District 8. In August 2013, Girls Prep Bronx submitted an application to renew and expand its charter to include grades six through eight to the State University of New York Trustees (“SUNY”). The proposal to co-locate the middle school grades of Girls Prep Bronx in X120 as described in the

EIS and the Building Utilization Plan (“BUP”) is contingent upon SUNY’s approval of Girls Prep Bronx’s application for charter renewal and expansion. Only SUNY has the authority to approve or deny Girls Prep Bronx’s application for renewal and expansion. For the purposes of this proposal, it is assumed that SUNY will approve Girls Prep Bronx’s application.

If this proposal is approved, Girls Prep Bronx will begin serving approximately 70—85 sixth grade students in X120 in September 2014, and will add one grade each year until it reaches full scale in X120 in 2016-2017. At that time, Girls Prep Bronx will serve approximately 210–255 students in sixth through eighth grades. The school will admit students via its charter lottery application process, with preference given to current students, siblings of current students, and District 8 residents.

X120 has the capacity to serve 740 students, but in the 2013-2014 school year, M.S. 301 and P188X@I301X are only serving approximately 407 students. This yields a building utilization rate of approximately 55%, which demonstrates that the building is “underutilized” and has space to accommodate additional students. As such, X120 has been identified as an underutilized building. If this proposal is approved, when Girls Prep Bronx reaches full scale in 2016-2017, Girls Prep Bronx, M.S. 301, and P188X@I301X will collectively serve approximately 575-658 students in the building, which yields a projected utilization rate of 78%-89%. As discussed in Section II.B of the EIS and in the BUP, all schools will receive at least their baseline (or adjusted baseline) footprint allocation of space.

The DOE supports the co-location of grades six through eight of Girls Prep Bronx in X120 beginning in 2014-2015. The proposal is intended to create a long-term site for Girls Prep Bronx’s middle school students and allow Public Prep to continue providing educational opportunities for students in the Bronx.

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 M.S. 301’s and P188X@I301X’s main offices.

III. Submission of public comment.

D08Proposals@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 22, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.
Building X120
890 Cauldwell Avenue
Bronx, NY 10456

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

The Prospect Heights Campus
883 Classon Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 10301