



## Notice

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*Chancellor*

# **The Proposed Opening and Co-location of Grades Six Through Eight of New Secondary School Eagle Academy For Young Men of Staten Island (31R028) with Existing School I.S. 49 Berta A. Dreyfus (31R049) in Building R049 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 grades six through eight of a new district secondary school, Eagle Academy For Young Men of Staten Island (31R028, “Eagle Academy”) in building R049 (“R049”), located at 101 Warren Street, Staten Island, NY 10304 in Community School District 31 (“District 31”). 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. Eagle Academy will be co-located in R049 with I.S. 49 Berta A. Dreyfus (31R049, “I.S. 49”); an existing middle school serving students in grades six through eight. Building R049 also provides space to the School of One Program. Additionally, there are two community based organizations (“CBO”) located in R049: JCC Beacon and SI College.

Eagle Academy is a new district secondary school that will serve male students in grades six through twelve at full scale. However, this proposal only involves the co-location of Eagle Academy’s sixth through eighth grades. Eagle Academy will offer a rigorous academic program designed to equip students with the skills necessary to achieve post-secondary success.

I.S. 49 is a zoned middle school serving 834 students in sixth through eighth grades in R049 during the 2013-2014 school year. I.S. 49 currently admits students residing within the R049 zone. I.S. 49 also admits students into a second middle school program, the Scholars Program, which utilizes a test-based admissions method and is open to eligible students in District 31.

If this proposal is approved, beginning in the 2014-2015 school year, Eagle Academy will serve students in sixth grade in R049, where it will be co-located with I.S. 49. Eagle Academy will add one grade level every year until the school reaches its full grade span in R049 of sixth through eighth grade in the 2016-2017 school year.

The DOE anticipates that Eagle Academy will grow to serve ninth grade students in a location to be determined in the 2017-2018 school year, and that Eagle Academy will add one grade level every year at that location until it reaches full grade span at that location serving grades nine through twelve in the 2020-2021 school year. Thus, the DOE anticipates that Eagle Academy will be split-sited starting in the 2017-2018 school year. The DOE anticipates that Eagle Academy will reach full scale in the 2020-2021 school year, serving sixth through eighth grades in R049, and ninth through twelfth grades in a location to be determined. The DOE will, if necessary, propose the siting of Eagle Academy's grades nine through twelve in a separate Educational Impact Statement ("EIS") at a later date in accordance with Chancellor's Regulation A-190.

Eagle Academy will admit middle school male students through an application process administered by The Office of Student Enrollment ("OSE") using a limited unscreened admissions method. Male students who reside in District 31 will be eligible to apply. Those eligible students who attend an information session, an open house event, or visit the school's exhibit at any one of the Middle School Fairs will have priority. The DOE anticipates that Eagle Academy will also have a limited unscreened admissions method for ninth through twelfth grade, with a priority for continuing eighth grade students and then to male students residing in Staten Island.

In 2014-2015, Eagle Academy will enroll approximately 75-85 students in sixth grade in R049. In 2015-2016 Eagle Academy will serve approximately 150-170 students in sixth and seventh grades in R049. In 2016-2017 and beyond, Eagle Academy will serve approximately 225-255 students in sixth through eighth grades in R049.

According to the 2011-2012 Enrollment, Capacity, Utilization Report (the "Blue Book"), R049 has the capacity to serve an estimated 1,190 students. In 2013-2014, the building serves approximately 834 students, yielding an estimated building utilization rate of 70%. This means that the building is "under-utilized" and has space to accommodate additional students.

If this co-location proposal is approved, Eagle Academy will gradually phase into R049 until it serves students in grades six through eight. Eagle Academy will serve students in sixth grade in the 2014-2015 school year and will add one grade level every year until the school reaches its full grade span of sixth through eighth grade in R049 in the 2016-2017 school year, serving approximately 225-255 students in R049. In 2016-2017, once Eagle Academy's middle school grades are

at full scale in R049, it is projected that there will be 1,045 - 1,105 students served in R049, thereby yielding an estimated building utilization rate of 88%- 93%.

The DOE anticipates that at full scale Eagle Academy will serve 525-595 students in sixth through twelfth grades across both buildings where Eagle Academy will be sited. Eagle Academy will reach full scale in 2020-2021.

The proposed co-location of Eagle Academy in building R049 is part of the DOE's central goal to create new school options that will better serve current and future students and the community at large and will provide another option in the R049 building.

## **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 I.S. 49's main office.

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

Written comments can be sent to [D31Proposals@Schools.nyc.gov](mailto: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.**

Monday, October 28 at 6:30 p.m.  
Building R049  
101 Warren Street  
Staten Island, NY 10304

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

Prospect Heights Campus  
883 Classon Ave  
Brooklyn, NY 11225