



Notice
September 13, 2013

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Chancellor

The Proposed Co-location of Explore Exceed Charter School's (84K333) 6th – 8th grades with Existing Schools P.S. 375 Jackie Robinson School (17K375) and M.S. 352 Ebbets Field Middle School (17K352) in Building K320 Beginning in 2015-2016

I. Description of the subject and purpose of the proposed item under consideration.

The New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) is proposing to site Explore Exceed’s sixth through eighth grade in Building K320 (“K320”), located at 46 McKeever Place Brooklyn, NY 11225, in Community School District 17 (“District 17”). Explore Exceed Charter School (84K333, “Explore Exceed”) is an existing public charter school that currently serves students in kindergarten through fourth grade in Building K022 (“K022”), located at 443 St. Marks Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11238. Explore Exceed is in the process of phasing in to serve grades kindergarten through five in K022. If this proposal is approved, Explore Exceed’s sixth through eighth grades will be sited in K320 beginning in the 2015-2016 school year. Explore Exceed will add one grade each year until it reaches full scale in 2017-2018 and serves sixth through eighth grade in building K320. Explore Exceed will be co-located in K320 with P.S. 375- Jackie Robinson School (17K375, “P.S. 375”), an existing zoned elementary school that serves students in kindergarten through fifth grade and offers a pre-kindergarten program, and M.S. 352 Ebbets Field Middle School (17K352, “M.S. 352), an existing zoned middle school that serves students in sixth through eighth grades.

K320 also contains a United Federation of Teachers (“UFT”) Chapter Office and a community-based organization, the Sports & Arts in Schools Foundation, which provides after school programming. 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. Explore Exceed is authorized by the State University of New York Trustees (“SUNY”) to serve kindergarten through eighth grade. Explore Exceed is managed by the Explore Schools Inc. (“Explore Schools”), a Charter Management Organization (“CMO”) that seeks to provide students with the academic skills and critical-thinking abilities they need to succeed in a college-preparatory high school. Explore Schools provides students in under-served communities with access to another option for public education and provides support to schools in the network. Explore Schools currently manages four charter schools in Brooklyn, including Explore Exceed.

If this proposal is approved, Explore Exceed will serve 55-70 students in sixth grade beginning

in the 2015-2016 school year, and will add one grade each year until it serves approximately 165-210 students in sixth through eighth grade in 2017-2018. The school will continue to admit kindergarten students via its charter lottery application process. Current and future elementary students in grades kindergarten through five at Explore Exceed will continue to attend school at K022. Explore Exceed's grades six through eight, will be co-located at K320 and those seats will mostly be filled by existing Explore Exceed elementary students as they articulate up to middle school. No lottery process will be conducted for Explore Exceed's middle school grades; however, students will be admitted through a rolling waitlist process to backfill seats available through attrition.

K320 has been identified as an under-utilized building. K320 has the capacity to serve 1,272 students. In 2013-2014, P.S. 375 is projected to serve approximately 575 students in pre-kindergarten through fifth grade and M.S. 352 is projected to serve approximately 307 students in sixth through eighth grade. This yields a building utilization rate of approximately 69%, which demonstrates that the building is "under-utilized" and has space to accommodate additional students. If this proposal is approved, in 2017-2018 once Explore Exceed is at full scale, K320 will serve approximately 1,091-1,226 students from Explore Exceed, P.S. 375 and M.S. 352 collectively, which yields a projected utilization rate of 86%-96%. Thus, K320 has sufficient space to accommodate the proposed co-location.

The DOE supports the expansion of Explore Exceed charter school in District 17 in order to continue providing additional educational opportunities 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") for this proposal may be found on the Department of Education's Web site at:
<http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2013-2014/Oct30SchoolProposals>.

Copies of the EIS and BUP are also available in the main offices of P.S. 375, M.S. 352 and Explore Exceed's main office at K022.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D17Proposals@schools.nyc.gov.

Oral comments can be left at 212-374-0208.

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 24, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.
K320
46 McKeever Place
Brooklyn, NY 11225

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 6:00 PM
Prospect Heights Campus
883 Classon Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11225