



Notice
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Chancellor

The Proposed Grade Expansion of P.S. 770 New American Academy (17K770) from a K-5 to a K-8 School and Co-Location of Grades 6-8 with Existing Schools P.S. 167 The Parkway (17K167) and P.S. 532 New Bridges (17K532) in Building K167 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 expand P.S. 770 New American Academy (17K770, “New American Academy”) to serve students in kindergarten through eighth grade. New American Academy is an existing district elementary school currently serving students in kindergarten through fourth grade and offering two sections of full day pre-kindergarten in building K398, located at 60 East 94th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11212, in Community School District 17 (“District 17”). New American Academy is in the process of phasing in, adding one grade each year until it reaches full scale in 2014-2015, when it plans to serve kindergarten through fifth grade in addition to offering a full day pre-kindergarten program. Under this proposal, New American Academy will add middle school grades beginning in 2015-2016, when its fifth-grade cohort will articulate to sixth grade. If this proposal is approved, New American Academy’s middle school grades will be co-located with P.S. 167 The Parkway (17K167, “P.S. 167”) and P.S. 532 New Bridges Elementary (17K532, “New Bridges”) in building K167 (“K167”), located at 1025 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, NY 11213, also in Community School District 17.

P.S. 167 is an existing zoned elementary school that is currently serving students in third through fifth grades. It is in the process of phasing out and is scheduled to close in June 2016. New Bridges is an existing zoned elementary school serving students in kindergarten through second grade; it is phasing in to serve students in kindergarten through fifth grade and will reach full-scale in the 2016-2017 school year. New Bridges also offers two sections of full day pre-kindergarten.

K167 also houses Brooklyn Psychotherapy, a community-based organization (“CBO”) which operates a school-based mental health clinic, and offices for the United Federation of Teachers (“UFT”).

If this proposal is approved, New American Academy will begin enrolling sixth-grade students in K167 in the 2015-2016 school year, and will add one grade each year until 2017-2018. In 2017-2018, New American Academy will serve students in kindergarten through fifth grade and

a pre-kindergarten program in building K398, and students in sixth through eighth grade in building K167. K167 is located approximately 0.6 miles away from New American Academy's current location, building K398. Both buildings are located within District 17.

In addition, pursuant to a proposal approved by the Panel for Educational Policy ("PEP") on April 11, 2013, Success Academy Charter School – Crown Heights (84K741, "SA – Crown Heights") began serving students in kindergarten and first grade in K167 in 2013-2014. Under that proposal, which can be accessed on the DOE's Web site at <http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2012-2013/April2013Proposals.htm>, SA – Crown Heights was approved to serve kindergarten through second grade students in K167.

In a separate Educational Impact Statement ("EIS") posted on August 30, 2013, the DOE is proposing to re-site SA – Crown Heights from K167 to building K161 ("K161") beginning in the 2014-2015 school year.¹ If the proposal to re-site SA – Crown Heights is approved by the PEP, SA – Crown Heights will no longer serve any students in K167 after the conclusion of the 2013-2014 school year and, beginning in the 2014-2015 school year, SA – Crown Heights will serve all of its students in K161. In 2014-2015, SA – Crown Heights will offer kindergarten through second grade at K161, and it will reach full-scale serving students in kindergarten through fifth grade in 2017-2018.

For the purposes of this EIS, which describes the proposal for the grade expansion and co-location of New American Academy, it is assumed that the proposal to re-site SA – Crown Heights to K161 will be approved by the PEP. Assuming both proposals are approved, New American Academy will not be co-located with SA – Crown Heights in K167. If the proposal to re-site and co-locate SA – Crown Heights in K161 is not approved, the DOE will re-examine the availability of space in K167 and may, as appropriate, revise this proposal to co-locate New American Academy in K167. Such a revised proposal would be described in a revised EIS.

On March 11, 2013, the PEP approved the gradual phase-out and eventual closure of P.S. 167. The proposal to phase out P.S. 167 is detailed in a separate EIS, posted on January 11, 2013. The proposal can be found here: <http://schools.nyc.gov/NR/rdonlyres/BF115982-FF79-4522-AA19-1F9BE2F133D8/137209/PS167PhaseOutEISvFINAL2.pdf>. P.S. 167 no longer admits new kindergarten, first or second grade students, and no longer offers a pre-kindergarten program. In 2013-2014, P.S. 167 is serving only third-, fourth- and fifth-grade students. P.S. 167 will continue phasing out one grade each year until it closes in June 2016.

According to the 2011-2012 Enrollment, Capacity, Utilization Report ("Blue Book"), K167 has a target capacity to serve 785 students. P.S. 167, New Bridges, and SA – Crown Heights are projected to serve a total of approximately 576 students in 2013-2014,² yielding an estimated utilization rate of 73%. If this proposal is approved, the building would serve approximately 631-721 students and have a utilization rate of 80%-92% in 2017-2018, when New American Academy reaches full scale. As discussed in Section III.B of this EIS, the building has sufficient space to provide all schools with at least their baseline room allocations. Therefore, K167 has the

¹ The EIS describing that proposal can be found on the DOE website at: <http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2013-2014/Oct15SchoolProposals>.

² 2013-2014 Budget Register Projections or charter projections as of June 28, 2013

capacity to accommodate P.S. 167 as it phases out, New Bridges as it phases in, and the proposed addition of the middle school grades of New American Academy.

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 the main offices of New American Academy, P.S. 167 The Parkway (17K167), and P.S. 532 New Bridges.

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 28, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.
K167 Building
1025 Eastern Parkway
Brooklyn, NY 11213

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