



Notice
September 13, 2013

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Chancellor

The Proposed Grade Expansion of Central Park East II (04M964) from K-5 to K-8 and the Proposed Co-location of the Middle School Grades of Central Park East II (04M964) with J.H.S. 13 Jackie Robinson (04M013), Central Park East I (04M497), Central Park East High School (04M555), East Harlem Scholars Academy Charter School II (84M168) and East Harlem Scholars Academy Charter School (84M518) in Building M013 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 expand Central Park East II (04M964, “CPE II”) to serve students in kindergarten through eighth grade. CPE II is an existing district elementary school serving students in kindergarten through fifth grade in building M171 (“M171”) at 19 East 103rd Street, New York, NY 10029, in Community School District 4. CPE II also offers a pre-kindergarten program.

CPE II currently serves approximately 243 students in kindergarten through fifth grade, as well as 18 students in one section of full-day pre-kindergarten. If this proposal is approved, students enrolled in CPE II will have priority to remain at the school through eighth grade. Beginning in the 2014-2015 school year, CPE II will add one grade each year until 2016-2017, when it will reach full scale and serve students in kindergarten through eighth grade and pre-kindergarten. However, there is insufficient space in building M171 to house the middle school grades of CPE II. Therefore, if this proposal is approved, CPE II will serve its middle school grades in building M013 (“M013”), located at 1573 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10029. This siting plan results in a “split-siting,” where the elementary grades of CPE II will remain in M171 and the new middle school grades will open and phase in at a different location, M013. M013 is located 0.2 miles away from M171.

The DOE strives to increase quality options for students. As part of the provisional approval process for a grade expansion, the DOE evaluates each school’s instructional capacity to serve the expanded school level by reviewing school expansion applications, conducting site visits, and facilitating panel interviews. Schools interested in expanding must have received at least a “C” on their most recent Progress Report to be eligible to apply to the grade reconfiguration process.

Schools provisionally approved for expansion must receive at least a "C" on the Progress Report released prior to their expansion in order to remain eligible. In the event that CPE II does not receive a C or better on its 2012-2013 Progress Report, this proposed expansion will not be implemented.

The elementary grades of CPE II will not move from M171 due to this proposal, nor does the DOE anticipate that the proposed grade expansion of CPE II will affect the pre-kindergarten program at the school. CPE II's elementary grades are currently co-located in building M171 with P.S. 171 Patrick Henry (04M171, "P.S. 171"), a kindergarten through eighth grade school that serves zoned students in kindergarten through fifth grade and middle school students in its zoned program. P.S. 171 also serves students in two full-day sections of pre-kindergarten.

If this proposal is approved, the middle school grades of CPE II will be served in building M013. M013 will house five other schools in the 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 school years: J.H.S. 13 Jackie Robinson (04M013, "J.H.S. 13"), a District 4 middle school that is in the process of phasing out and will close in June 2015; Central Park East I (04M497, "CPE I"), the sister school of CPE II and a DOE choice elementary school serving students in kindergarten through fifth grade with one section of full-day pre-kindergarten; Central Park East High School (04M555, "CPE HS"), a high school serving students in grades nine through twelve; East Harlem Scholars Academy Charter School (84M518, "EHS I"), an existing charter elementary school that is in the process of phasing in; and East Harlem Scholars Academy Charter School II (84M168, "EHS II"), a new charter elementary school that opened for the 2013-2014 school year and is in the process of phasing in. EHS I will move out of M013 and into private space prior to the 2016-2017 school year, the year in which CPE II will reach full scale in M013. M013 also houses two community-based organizations ("CBOs"), the Harlem Family Institute and Girls Inc. This proposal is not expected to impact the siting of either CBO.

II. Information regarding where the full text of the proposed item may be obtained.

The Educational Impact Statement ("EIS") describing this proposal 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 CPE II, CPE I, CPEHS, JHS 13, EHS I and EHS II.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D04Proposals@schools.nyc.gov.

Oral comments can be left at 212-374-3466.

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 17, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.
Building M013
1573 Madison Avenue
New York, NY 10029

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 p.m.
Prospect Heights Campus
883 Classon Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11225.