



Notice
September 13, 2013

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Chancellor

The Proposed Co-location of Achievement First Brooklyn Academy Charter School with Existing Schools J.H.S. 166 George Gershwin (19K166), UFT Charter School (84K359) and Van Sicten Community Middle School (19K654) in Building K166 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 Achievement First Brooklyn Academy Charter School (“AF Brooklyn Academy”), a new public elementary charter school that will serve students in kindergarten through fourth grade, in building K166 (“K166”), located at 800 Van Sicten Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11207, in Community School District 19 (“District 19”) beginning in 2014-2015. If this proposal is approved, AF Brooklyn Academy will be co-located in K166 with J.H.S. 166 George Gershwin (“J.H.S. 166”), an existing district middle school that currently serves students in seventh and eighth grades, Van Sicten Community Middle School (19K654, “Van Sicten Community Middle School”), an existing district middle school that currently serves students in sixth grade and when fully at scale will serve students in sixth through eighth grades, and UFT Charter School (84K359, “UFT Charter”), an existing public charter school that currently serves students in kindergarten through twelfth grades across two separate sites. K166 houses two community-based organizations (“CBOs”): CAMBA and the East New York Campus Satellite of Medgar Evers College (“ENY”). ENY hosts a GED Plus program in K166

AF Brooklyn Academy has submitted an application for charter authorization to the State University of New York Trustees (“SUNY”) to serve students in kindergarten through fourth grades. AF Brooklyn Academy would be managed by Achievement First Schools (“Achievement First”), a Charter Management Organization (“CMO”). The proposal to open and co-locate AF Brooklyn Academy in K166 described in this Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) is contingent upon SUNY’s approval of AF Brooklyn Academy’s application for charter authorization. Only SUNY has the authority to approve or deny AF Brooklyn Academy’s application for charter authorization. For the purpose of this proposal, it is assumed that SUNY will approve AF Brooklyn Academy’s application

If this proposal is approved, AF Brooklyn Academy will open with kindergarten and first grade in 2014-2015, and add one grade each year until it serves students in kindergarten through fourth grades in 2017-2018. The school will admit students via the charter lottery application process

with preference given to District 19 residents. AF Brooklyn Academy's lottery is described in more detail in Section III.A of the ("EIS").

According to the 2011-2012 Enrollment Capacity Utilization Report (the "Blue Book"), building K166 has a target capacity of 1,320 students. In 2013-2014, the building is serving approximately 674 students yielding a building utilization rate of only 51%. If this proposal to co-locate AF Brooklyn Academy with J.H.S. 166, UFT Charter, and Van Siclen Community Middle School, is approved, in 2014-2015 AF Brooklyn Academy's kindergarten and first grades will begin phasing in. In 2017-2018, once AF Brooklyn Academy's kindergarten through fourth grades have fully phased in and the school has reached full scale, AF Brooklyn Academy is projected to serve approximately 385-505 kindergarten through fourth grade students, UFT Charter is projected to serve approximately 320-420 ninth through twelfth grade students, Van Siclen Community Middle School is projected to serve approximately 345-375 sixth through eighth grade students, and J.H.S. 166 will no longer serve any students, for a total of approximately 1,050- 1,300 students, yielding a projected building utilization rate of approximately 80%- 98%. As detailed in the attached Building Utilization Plan("BUP"), all schools will receive space that meets their instructional needs, and the building has space to accommodate J.H.S. 166, UFT Charter, Van Siclen Community Middle School and AF Brooklyn Academy

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 the main offices of the schools listed above.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D19Proposals@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.

Name: Estelle Acquah
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Address: 52 Chambers Street, New York, NY 10007
Email: D19Proposals@schools.nyc.gov
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V. Date, time and place of joint public hearing for this proposal.

October 28, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.
K166 Building
800 Van Siclen Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11207

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 Ave
Brooklyn, NY 11225