Notice
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Chancellor

REVISED EDUCATIONAL IMPACT STATEMENT: The Revised Proposed Co-location of a New District Elementary School (12X458) with Existing Schools P.S. 050 Clara Barton (12X050) and Fairmont Neighborhood School (12X314) in Building X050 Beginning in 2014-2015

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

On September 13, 2013, the New York City Department of Education ("DOE") issued an Educational Impact Statement ("EIS") describing a proposal to co-locate a new, non-zoned district elementary school, 12X458, in building X050 ("X050"), located at 1550 Vyse Avenue, Bronx, NY 10460 in Community School District 12 ("District 12"), beginning in the 2014-2015 school year. If this proposal is approved, 12X458 will be co-located in building X050 with P.S. 050 Clara Barton (12X050, "P.S. 050"), an existing elementary school that is in the process of phasing out and is currently serving students in third through fifth grades; and Fairmont Neighborhood School (12X314, "Fairmont"), an existing elementary school that is currently serving students in kindergarten through second grades in the X050 building and is phasing in to serve students in kindergarten through fifth grades. Additionally, Fairmont offers a pre-kindergarten program. 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.

The DOE has issued a revised EIS, to reflect a change in the proposed admissions policy for 12X458 and a change in the grade levels with which it will open if this proposal is approved. The revised EIS also corrects typographical errors. 12X458 is now proposed to be a zoned school, serving the same zone as Fairmont, and will open with only kindergarten, rather than kindergarten and first grade.

If this proposal is approved, 12X458 will serve 50-60 students in the X050 building in kindergarten, and will add one grade per year until the school has reached full scale and serves 300-360 students in kindergarten through fifth grades in 2019-2020. The DOE anticipates that 12X458 will offer a Spanish dual-language program in order to meet the needs of English Language Learner ("ELL") students and provide an opportunity for non-ELL students to develop fluency in a second language, though ELL programming offered at a given school is always subject to demand.

On March 11, 2013, the Panel for Educational Policy ("PEP") approved the proposal to gradually phase out and eventually close P.S. 050 because of its low performance and inability to improve quickly to better support student needs. As a result, P.S. 050 stopped admitting kindergarten, first, and second grade students after the conclusion of the 2012-2013 school year. One grade will be phased out each subsequent year. During the 2013-2014 school year, P.S. 050 serves students in third, fourth, and fifth grades; in 2014-2015, it will serve students in fourth and fifth grade' and in 2015-2016, P.S. 050 will serve students in fifth grade. The school will close after June 2016. The EIS describing the approved proposal to phase out and close P.S. 050 is available at: http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2012-2013/Mar112013Proposals.htm.

On March 11, 2013, the PEP also approved the proposal to co-locate Fairmont in X050 beginning in the 2013-2014 school year. Fairmont currently serves kindergarten, first, and second grade students, and offers a pre-kindergarten program. Fairmont will add one grade per year until the school has reached full scale and serves students in kindergarten through fifth grades in 2016-2017. Fairmont admits students according to standard zoned admissions priorities as described in Chancellor's Regulation A-101. The EIS describing the approved proposal to open and co-locate Fairmont in X050 is available at: http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2012-2013/Mar112013Proposals.htm.

According to the 2011-2012 Enrollment, Capacity, Utilization Report ("Blue Book"), X050 has a target capacity of 709 students, but in 2013-2014, the building is serving approximately only 409 students, yielding a building utilization rate of 58%. This means that the building is "under-utilized" and has extra space to accommodate additional students.

In 2019-2020, once P.S. 050 has completed its phase-out and Fairmont and 12X458 have both reached full scale, it is projected that there will be approximately 636-756 students served in X050, thereby yielding an estimated building utilization rate of approximately 90%-107%. As discussed in Section II of the revised EIS, while the building utilization rate may exceed 100%, all schools will receive at least their baseline (or adjusted) footprint allocation of instructional space.

One community-based organization ("CBO") occupies space in the X050 building: Children's Aid Society. This proposal is not expected to impact the continued siting of this program.

II. Summary of all public comment regarding the original proposal received to date.

No comments were received related to the original proposal.

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

The revised 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 revised EIS are also available in the main offices of P.S. 050 and Fairmont.

IV. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to: D12Proposals@schools.nyc.gov

Oral comments can be left at 212-374-5159.

V. 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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VI. Date, time and place of joint public hearings for this revised proposal.

October 28, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.
Building X050
1550 Vyse Avenue
Bronx, NY 10460

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.

VIII. 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

The Prospect Heights Campus
883 Classon Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 10301