Notice
October 25, 2013

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Chancellor

Amended: The Proposed Opening and Co-location of New District Middle School 19K760 with Existing School I.S. 171 Abraham Lincoln (19K171) in Building K171 Beginning in 2014-2015

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

On August 30, 2013, the New York City Department of Education ("DOE") issued an Educational Impact Statement ("EIS") describing a proposal to open and co-locate a new district middle school, 19K760 ("19K760"), in building K171 ("K171") located at 528 Ridgewood Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11208, in Community School District 19 ("District 19"). If this proposal is approved, 19K760 will be co-located in K171 with I.S. 171 Abraham Lincoln (19K171, "I.S. 171"), an existing middle school serving students in grades six through eight. I.S. 171 currently admits students through an unscreened admissions method, with a priority to students residing within the K171 zone. Two community based organizations ("CBOs"), Cypress Hills Local Development Corporation and City Year, are also located in K171. If this proposal is approved, 19K760 will serve students in sixth through eighth grade and will begin enrolling sixth grade students in 2014-2015. 19K760 will add one grade level per year until it reaches full scale and serves students in sixth through eighth grade in 2016-2017.

If this proposal is approved, both 19K760 and I.S. 171 will admit students through the middle school admissions process using an unscreened admissions method and offer priority to students residing in the K171 zone.

The EIS has been amended to include information concerning the CBO, City Year, which is located in K171; to reflect that I.S. 171 offers two additional programs, 'I Will Graduate" and the Middle School Student Success Center; to provide corrected information concerning certain shared spaces, instructional and administrative space allocations, and the availability of excess space within K171; and to correct typographical errors.

Currently, the DOE is planning to reduce the enrollment at I.S. 171 over a period of three years beginning in September 2014. Details of the year-by-year reduction are included in Section III.B of the EIS. I.S. 171 will admit fewer sixth grade students after the end of the 2013-2014 school year and will continue to admit a reduced number of sixth grade students in subsequent years. By 2016-2017, enrollment at I.S. 171 will have decreased by approximately 320-350 students to stabilize at a new, lower total enrollment of 420-450 students in sixth through eighth grade. The DOE believes that a planned enrollment reduction will allow I.S. 171 to focus on a smaller

student body and better address the needs of its students.

The proposed opening and co-location of 19K760 in building K171 is part of the DOE's central goal to create new school options that will better serve future students and the community at large and to provide another option in the K171 building.

If this proposal to open and co-locate a new district middle school is not approved, the DOE will not proceed with the planned enrollment reduction at I.S. 171 to meet the enrollment needs of the K171 zone.

According to the 2011-2012 Enrollment Capacity Utilization Report ("Blue Book"), K171 has a target capacity to serve 1,140 students. (The concept of "target capacity" is described below.) In 2013-2014, the building is serving 772 total students, yielding an estimated utilization rate of 68%.

If this co-location proposal is approved, 19K760 will gradually phase into K171 while I.S. 171 simultaneously scales back its enrollment. The new school will serve students in sixth grade in the 2014-2015 school year and will add one grade level every year until the school reaches its full grade span of sixth through eighth grade in the 2016-2017 school year, serving approximately 345-375 students. In 2016-2017, once I.S. 171 has completed its enrollment reduction and 19K760 is at full scale, it is projected that there will be approximately 765-825 students served in K171, thereby yielding an estimated building utilization rate of approximately 67%-72%.

If this proposal to co-locate 19K760 is approved, the middle school seats that will be lost as a result of the enrollment reduction at I.S. 171 will be recovered by the new seats created by the opening of 19K760.

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

The amended 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 amended EIS are also available in I.S. 171's main office.

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.

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

A joint public hearing for this proposal was held on:
October 8, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.
K171
528 Ridgewood Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11208

Questions and comments about the proposal may continue to be directed as indicated in section IV above.

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