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**NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION
DIVISION OF PORTFOLIO
PLANNING**

**The Proposed Re-Siting of P.S. 330
(24Q330) to New Building Q287 (Q287)**

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2 MS. MADELENE CHAN: Good evening everyone.
3 Evening. Thank you. Thank you so much for
4 coming out this evening.

5 [Foreign language]

6 MS. CHAN: We have a little bit of a
7 challenge. There is no microphone.

8 [Foreign language]

9 MS. CHAN: So I'm going to ask everyone to
10 please try to stay as quiet as possible so you
11 can hear what I have to present.

12 [Foreign language]

13 MS. CHAN: Thank you.

14 [Foreign language]

15 MS. CHAN: This is a joint public hearing of
16 the Department of Education, Community Education
17 Council and School Leadership Team for the
18 proposed re-siting of P.S. 330 to new building
19 Q287 in the 2013, and 2014 school year.

20 I am the Superintendent of District 24,
21 Madelene Chan.

22 [Foreign language]

23 MS. CHAN: We have asked the District 24
24 Community Education Council and the School
25 Leadership Team of 330 to participate in this

1 joint public hearing. I am joined tonight by
2 Regina Lorentz, Carrie To, and Connie Partinico
3 from the CEC.

4 [Foreign language]

5 MS. CHAN: I'd also like to thank the
6 following individuals for joining us this
7 evening. Eleanor Macknamie [phonetic], our
8 District Family Advocate.

9 [Foreign language]

10 MS. CHAN: Eleanor Mackamie.

11 [Foreign language]

12 MS. CHAN: District Family Advocate.

13 [Foreign language]

14 MS. CHAN: We also have Joanne Burger, who
15 is the President of President's Council.

16 [Foreign language]

17 MS. CHAN: And of course the Principal of
18 P.S. 300, LaShawna Harris.

19 [Foreign language]

20 MS. CHAN: This hearing is being recorded.

21 [Foreign language]

22 MS. CHAN: The purpose of this hearing is
23 for you to provide comments about the proposal.
24 Before I describe the proposal, I want to make
25 sure you are aware of the opportunity to provide

1 your input. All those who wish to speak must
2 sign up in the speaker sign up area, located
3 right in front of me. The sign up list will
4 close in 15 minutes. Speakers will be given the
5 floor in the order that they signed up. All
6 comments are limited to two minutes.

7 [Foreign language]

8 MS. CHAN: I'm on the next page now. There
9 may be elected officials who arrive at different
10 times throughout the evening. If they wish to
11 speak, we will do our best to accommodate them
12 at the first opportune moment. Those who are
13 here at the start of the public comment segment
14 will be asked to speak first.

15 [Foreign language]

16 MS. CHAN: All comments will be mentioned in
17 the Analysis of Public Comment to be published
18 and provided to the Panel for Education Policy
19 the evening before the Panel votes. That vote
20 is scheduled for Tuesday, June 26, 2012 at
21 Prospect Heights Campus at 883 Classon Avenue,
22 Brooklyn, New York 11225 at 6:00 p.m.

23 [Foreign language]

24 MS. CHAN: In addition, we welcome any
25 comments and feedback you may have at any time

1 before the Panel votes on both proposals. The
2 e-mail address and phone number where comments
3 may be made are D24Proposals@nyc.gov, the number
4 is (212) 374-7621.

5 [Foreign language]

6 MS. CHAN: The proposal summary. The New
7 York City Department of Education (DOE) is
8 proposing to re-site P.S. 330, and existing
9 elementary school currently located in building
10 Q269 at 8637 53rd Avenue, Elmhurst, New York
11 11373 in Community School District 24, to a new
12 building Q287 located at 111-08 Northern
13 Boulevard, Corona, New York 11368 in Community
14 School District 24. P.S. 330 opened in
15 September 2010 as an overflow site to alleviate
16 overcrowding in District 24 elementary schools,
17 particularly in the Corona/Elmhurst area.
18 Currently, many students are traveling
19 approximately 2.76 miles from Corona to attend
20 P.S. 330. The DOE is proposing to re-site P.S.
21 330 to a new building opening in Corona during
22 the 2013-2014 school year. This new location
23 will be closer in proximity to the students
24 homes and will continue to alleviate
25 overcrowding in Corona. P.S. 330 currently

1 serves 220 students in grades kindergarten and
2 first, and will serve students in grades
3 kindergarten through five when it reaches full
4 scale in the 2015-2016 school year. A re-siting
5 means a school will be located in a different
6 building than the building it is currently
7 located in.

8 [Foreign language]

9 MS. CHAN: If this proposal is approved,
10 P.S. 330's current students will be re-sited to
11 building Q287 for the 2013-2014 school year.
12 P.S. 330 is expected to serve kindergarten
13 through second grades in 2012-13, and then add
14 an additional grade each year until it reaches
15 full scale in the 2015-16 school year. In 2015-
16 2016, when P.S. 330 completes its expansion, and
17 achieves the full scale, it will serve
18 approximately 570 to 630 students in
19 kindergarten through fifth grade.

20 However, because 330 opened as unzoned
21 school to alleviate overcrowding in Corona, its
22 founding cohort is larger than what is projected
23 for each incoming class moving forward. Once
24 the first grade cohort articulates to sixth
25 grade during the 2016-17 school year, enrollment

1 is expected to stabilize by 2017-18 with
2 approximately 540 to 600 students.

3 [Foreign language]

4 MS. CHAN: So that is the end of the
5 proposal summary.

6 [Foreign language]

7 MS. CHAN: At this time we're going to have
8 a presentation by the hearing participants, if
9 they would like to speak. We have Ms. Partinico
10 from the CEC.

11 [Foreign language]

12 MS. PARTINICO: My name is Connie Partinico.
13 I'm a member of the Family Education Council in
14 - - .

15 [Foreign language]

16 MS. PARTINICO: - - this proposal.

17 [Foreign language]

18 MS. CHAN: Thank you Ms. Partinico.

19 [Foreign language]

20 MS. CHAN: And now if the members of the SLT
21 would like to say anything, Ms. To, Ms. Lorentz?

22 [Foreign language]

23 MS. CHAN: No comment at this time. Okay.

24 [Foreign language]

25 MS. CHAN: Okay. And it is my pleasure to

1 introduce Louise and Manual for Assemblymen
2 Aubrey's [phonetic] office. Thank you so much
3 for coming out.

4 [Foreign language]

5 MS. CHAN: Okay. We will now open the floor
6 for public comments. Speakers will be given
7 floor in the order that they signed up. And
8 please remember all comments are limited to two
9 minutes.

10 [Foreign language]

11 MS. CHAN: Since we are recording this
12 meeting I'm going to call the speakers name. If
13 you would be good enough to please come up right
14 by the recording machine, that would be helpful.

15 [Foreign language]

16 MS. CHAN: Our first speaker will Sulay
17 Topia.

18 [Foreign language]

19 MS. CHAN: Hello.

20 MS. SULAY TOPIA: You have a choice. I
21 don't know. Yeah, yeah. Okay. All right.

22 Okay, as a member of the Parents Association
23 of P.S. 330.

24 [Foreign language]

25 MS. TOPIA: I'm going to represent the

1 parents of P.S. 330 here - - .

2 [Foreign language]

3 MS. TOPIA: We strongly agree with the
4 proposal to move P.S. 330 to the new building at
5 112 and Northern.

6 [Foreign language]

7 MS. TOPIA: It will be in the best interest
8 of our children to have a school closer to our
9 homes.

10 [Foreign language]

11 MS. TOPIA: It's going to be better the
12 District. Also it's going to alleviate
13 overcrowding in the schools in the District.

14 [Foreign language]

15 MS. TOPIA: Two years ago when we were given
16 the choice to bring our children to this school
17 a lot of parents didn't want to, they refused.

18 [Foreign language]

19 MS. TOPIA: Those of us who did agree have
20 been patiently waiting for a new school to open
21 closer to us.

22 [Foreign language]

23 MS. TOPIA: We've had to withstand bad
24 weather, late buses, early mornings with the
25 kids.

1 [Foreign language]

2 MS. TOPIA: Also the events, it's very far
3 from the people's homes so they have to take
4 public transportation, have to take taxis.

5 [Foreign language]

6 MS. TOPIA: So this is a very small school.
7 They have no A/C. They lack space. And we want
8 a bigger school.

9 [Foreign language]

10 MS. TOPIA: Considering everything our kids
11 are still doing very well academically and we
12 have a high attendance rate. So I think they
13 deserve to have a new school.

14 [Foreign language]

15 MS. TOPIA: Thank you so much. Thank you.

16 [applause]

17 MS. CHAN: Our next speaker will be Joann
18 Burger.

19 [Foreign language]

20 MS. JOANN BURGER: I'd like to make several
21 statements while I agree and I am grateful that
22 the CSC and Portfolio is doing something to
23 alleviate the overcrowding.

24 [Foreign language]

25 MS. BURGER: And the CEC and Portfolio.

1 [Foreign language]

2 MS. BURGER: Are all paying attention to the
3 overcrowding in 143.

4 [Foreign language]

5 MS. BURGER: I urge them to not give up on
6 this.

7 [Foreign language]

8 MS. BURGER: Because according to the
9 numbers.

10 [Foreign language]

11 MS. BURGER: When the school opens.

12 [Foreign language]

13 MS. BURGER: It's still going to be severely
14 overcrowded.

15 [Foreign language]

16 MS. BURGER: And I urge them to continue
17 looking for space to alleviate 143.

18 [Foreign language]

19 MS. BURGER: So that children won't be
20 stuffed in classrooms like sardines.

21 [Foreign language]

22 MS. BURGER: And that we continue to find
23 area in Corona and develop that area for
24 schools.

25 [Foreign language]

1 MS. BURGER: And I'm very happy that the
2 children will not be traveling that far anymore
3 to school.

4 [Foreign language]

5 MS. BURGER: That's it. Thank you.

6 [Foreign language]

7 [applause]

8 MS. CHAN: Our next speaker will be Manual
9 Marcao.

10 [Foreign language]

11 MS. CHAN: So only three people signed up.

12 [Foreign language]

13 MS.CHAN: At this time I would like to thank
14 Emily Adis [phonetic] and Portfolio for
15 arranging this meeting.

16 [Foreign language]

17 MS. CHAN: Again, we welcome any comments
18 and feedback you may have at any time before the
19 Panel for Educational Policy votes on this
20 proposal at its June 26th meeting. The e-mail
21 address and phone number where comments can be
22 made are D24Proposals@nyc.gov, the number once
23 again, (212) 374-7621.

24 [Foreign language]

25 Thank you everyone for your participation.

1 This joint public hearing is now closed.

2 [Foreign language]

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The prior proceedings were transcribed from audio files and have been transcribed to the best of my ability.

Signature *Wanda Elin*

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