Department of Education
Carmen Fariña, Chancellor

**Notice**
November 3, 2016

# Second Amendment: The Proposed Re-Siting of P.S. 191 (03M191) to New Building M342 in the 2017-2018 School Year

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

On September 29, 2016, the New York City Department of Education ("DOE") issued an Educational Impact Statement ("EIS") proposing to re-site P.S. 191 (03M191, "P.S. 191"), an existing district school that currently serves 440 students in kindergarten through eighth grade and a pre-kindergarten program, to new building M342 ("M342"), located at 21 West End Avenue, New York, NY 10023 in Community School District 3 ("District 3"), in the 2017-2018 school year. P.S. 191 is currently located in building M191 ("M191") at 210 West 61st Street, New York, NY 10023 in District 3. M191 is 0.2 miles away from M342. A "re-siting" means that part or all of a school will be located in a different building than the building the school is currently located in. If this proposal is approved, P.S. 191 will serve the entirety of its students in M342 beginning in the 2017-2018 school year. M191 also houses six community based organizations ("CBO"); YMCA, Kids Creative, Hudson Guild, Reaching for the Arts, Counseling in Schools, and The Jewish Board for Family and Children Services. If this proposal is approved all CBOs are expected to be re-sited with P.S. 191 and continue to provide services in M342.

On October 6, 2016, the EIS for this proposal was amended ("amended EIS") to correct information related to Community Education Council 3's ("CEC 3") resolution to re-site P.S. 191 to M342. The original EIS stated that on November 15, 2015, CEC 3 passed a unanimous resolution recommending that P.S. 191 be re-sited to M342 when it opens in the 2017-2018 school year. CEC 3 did pass a resolution with a majority vote to re-site P.S. 191 to M342 on November 15, 2015, however, the resolution was not passed unanimously. On December 15, 2015, there was a P.S. 191 stakeholder meeting at which the P.S. 191 community also requested that their school be re-sited to M342. The amended EIS did not change the purpose of the proposal, and the proposal still addressed the community's desire and the CEC's resolution to re-site P.S. 191 to M342.

The amended EIS has been amended ("second amended EIS") to correct a typographical error describing the public engagement conducted in the course of creating this proposal. The amended EIS stated that the DOE met with the District 3 Superintendent, the Senior Leadership Team ("SLT") of P.S. 191, and the P.S. 191 Principal on September 21, 2016 to discuss and gather feedback on the proposal, however, the District 3 Superintendent

was not present at this meeting. Appendix B of this second amended EIS has also been amended to reflect minor updates to school admissions information. These updates include adding a footnote listing choice districts, adding language to clarify kindergarten and pre-kindergarten priority groups, and adding language about the composite score admissions method. Additionally this second amended EIS updates wording in regards to Budget Register Projections.

This second amended EIS also clarifies the future use of M191 if P.S. 191 is re-sited to M342. The amended EIS stated that if this proposal is approved, the space currently occupied by P.S. 191, M191, will be used for a new elementary school. While the DOE still expects M191 to be used for elementary school seats if this proposal is approved, that may be accomplished through the opening of a new elementary school or through the re-siting of an existing district school.

The DOE is proposing to re-site P.S. 191 to M342 because of the enhanced resources that M342 will provide to P.S. 191, and in particular, P.S. 191's middle school grades. M342 is designed for a kindergarten through eighth grade school with a pre-kindergarten program, is only 0.2 miles away from M191, and is in P.S. 191's current elementary school zone. M342 will provide P.S. 191 with a building that is better suited for middle school instruction as it will have a science laboratory and demonstration room, a library, a medical suite, a gymatorium[1], and a uniquely designed music suite with a classroom, practice cubicles, and music storeroom that M191 does not provide. M342 will also provide the broader District 3 community with a new pre-kindergarten through eighth grade facility. Additionally, P.S. 191's ability to grow in M342 will add much needed elementary school capacity to an overcrowded portion of the district.

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M342 is anticipated to be completed by September 2017. The re-siting of P.S. 191 is contingent upon completion of this construction. If M342 is not ready for student occupancy in the 2017-2018 school year, the DOE may issue a new proposal for an alternative siting in accordance with Chancellor's Regulation A-190. Because the building is currently under construction, M342 is currently unoccupied. According to the School Construction Authority ("SCA")'s Program of Requirements ("POR"), M342 is projected to have the capacity to serve 692 students.

If this proposal is approved, beginning in the 2017-2018 school year, P.S. 191's kindergarten through eighth grade and pre-kindergarten program will be served in M342. In the 2017-2018 school year, M342 will have an estimated building utilization rate of 62%-75%. By the 2022-2023 school year, when P.S. 191's enrollment is projected to grow to scale, M342 will have an estimated building utilization rate of 82%-95%.

[1] A gymatorium is an auditorium that retains adequate space for physical education.

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

The second amended EIS can be found on the Department of Education's Web site at: http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2016-2017/November162016SchoolProposals

Copies of the second amended EIS are also available in the main office of P.S. 191.

## III. Submission of public comment.

Members of the public who wish to provide comments are encouraged to attend the Joint Public Hearing for this proposal and share their feedback in person. Members of the public that do not provide comments at the hearing may also provide oral or written comments as described below. All comments must be submitted at least 24 hours in advance of the Panel for Educational Policy ("PEP") meeting at which this proposal is subject to a vote in order to be mentioned in the Public Comment Analysis to be published and provided to the PEP the evening before the PEP votes.

Written comments can be sent to D03Proposals@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 the joint public hearing for this proposal.

November 7, 2016 at 6:00 PM
Building M191
210 West 61st Street
New York, NY 10023

Questions about the proposal should be directed as indicated in section IV above.

Speaker sign-up will begin at 5:30 PM, 30 minutes before the hearing and will close 15 minutes after the start of the hearing.

## VI. Date, time and place of the PEP meeting at which the PEP will vote on the proposed item.

November 16, 2016 at 6:00 PM
M.S. 131
100 Hester Street
New York, NY 10002