



Notice
December 12, 2011

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Chancellor

The Proposed Grade Expansion of P.S. 007 Abraham Lincoln (19K007) to a K-5 School Beginning in 2012-2013

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

P.S. 007 Abraham Lincoln (19K007, “P.S. 7”) is an existing zoned elementary school located in building K007 (“K007”) at 858 Jamaica Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11208 in Community School District 19. P.S. 7 currently serves students in kindergarten through fourth grade (“K-4”), and it also offers two half-day pre-kindergarten programs. In addition to the main K007 building, P.S. 7’s students are also served in transportable class units (K972, “TCUs”) that are located adjacent to K007. This is a proposal to implement a “grade expansion,” whereby P.S. 7 would expand to serve students in kindergarten through fifth grade (“K-5”) at full scale. If this proposal is approved, P.S. 7 will begin enrolling fifth grade students for the 2012-2013 school year. The New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) does not anticipate that the proposed expansion of P.S. 7 would affect its pre-kindergarten program.

All students residing in the P.S. 7 elementary zone are also zoned to I.S. 171 Abraham Lincoln (19K171, “I.S. 171”) for middle school, and the majority of fourth grade students graduating from P.S. 7 enroll in I.S. 171 for fifth grade. In a separate Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) posted in December 2011, the DOE has proposed to truncate the fifth grade at I.S. 171, an existing zoned middle school that serves students in fifth through eighth grade. Under that proposal, I.S. 171 would no longer enroll fifth grade students and instead would only serve sixth through eighth grade students. If both proposals are approved, fourth grade students enrolled at P.S. 7 would be able to stay at P.S. 7 for fifth grade and could no longer attend I.S. 171 for fifth grade. Other fourth grade students residing in District 19 may also apply for a seat at P.S. 7 for fifth grade but their enrollment would depend on seat availability as P.S. 7 would first give preference to its existing fourth grade students and then to other zoned students.

The DOE is proposing to expand P.S. 7 so that it would be aligned with most DOE elementary schools, which traditionally serve K-5. In addition, if this proposal and the proposal regarding I.S. 171 are approved, by serving fifth grade, P.S. 7 would be able to serve its students who would have otherwise enrolled at I.S. 171 for fifth grade.

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

The EIS can be found on the Department of Education’s Web site:
<http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2011-2012/Feb2012Proposals>.

Copies of the EIS are also available in P.S. 7'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.

Name: Lily Haskins

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Email: D19Proposals@schools.nyc.gov

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

January 12, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

P.S. 7 Abraham Lincoln

858 Jamaica Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11208

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.

February 9, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

Brooklyn Technical High School

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