



Notice  
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Chancellor

## **The Proposed Co-location of Brooklyn Success Academy Charter School 4 (84KTBD) with Existing School J.H.S. 050 John D. Wells (14K050) in Building K050 Beginning in 2012-2013.**

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

The New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) is proposing to site Brooklyn Success Academy Charter School 4<sup>1</sup> (84KTBD, “Success Academy - Williamsburg”), a new public charter school that will serve students in kindergarten through fourth grade in Building K050 (“K050”), located at 183 South 3<sup>rd</sup> Street in Community School District 14 beginning in 2012-2013. Success Academy - Williamsburg would be co-located in K050 with existing middle school J.H.S. 050 John D. Wells (14K050, “J.H.S. 50”), which serves students in grades six through eight. J.H.S. 50 admits students in sixth grade through the District 14 Middle School Choice application process and maintains a Screened: Academic program in the Humanities. A “co-location” means that two or more school organizations are located in the same building and may share large, common spaces like the auditoriums, gymnasiums and cafeterias.

Currently, in addition to J.H.S. 50, K050 also houses a high school, Academy for Young Writers (14K404). However, in a separate Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) posted on December 2, 2011, the DOE has proposed to re-site Academy for Young Writers to Building K422 (“K422”) in District 19 beginning in the 2012-2013 school year. If that proposal and this proposal are both approved, Academy for Young Writers would no longer be housed in K050 starting in the 2012-2013 school year. Also, the Office of Adult and Continuing Education (“OACE”) holds evening classes at K050 on Monday and Wednesday evenings, and K050 houses a community-based organization (“CBO”), El Puente, which offers after school programs at J.H.S. 50.

According to the 2010-2011 Enrollment Capacity Utilization Report (the “Blue Book”), K050 has the capacity to serve 1,232 students. Currently, the building serves 822 students,<sup>2</sup> yielding a building utilization rate of 67%.<sup>3</sup> If this proposal is approved, in 2012-2013, the first year of the proposed co-location, Success Academy - Williamsburg will serve approximately 170-196 students in kindergarten and first grade. Success Academy - Williamsburg will then add one grade each year until serves approximately 525-625 students in kindergarten through fourth grade in 2015-2016. At that time, K050 is projected to serve approximately 870-1,000 students enrolled in J.H.S. 50 and Success Academy - Williamsburg,

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<sup>1</sup> Brooklyn Success Academy Charter School 4 is currently undergoing a formal name change process. The new name of the school will be Success Academy Charter School – Williamsburg, subject to approval.

<sup>2</sup> 2011-2012 unaudited register as of October 31, 2011. This figure represents enrollment at both Academy for Young Writers and J.H.S. 50.

<sup>3</sup> The utilization rate reported here may differ from that published in the 2010-2011 Blue Book because the building enrollment figures referenced throughout this document and used in the calculation of utilization rates are based on the unaudited enrollment as of October 31, 2011. This methodology is consistent with the manner in which the DOE conducts planning and calculates space allocations and funding for all schools. In determining the space allocation for co-located schools, the Office of Space Planning will conduct a detailed site survey and space analysis of the building to assess the amount of space available in the building.

yielding an estimated building utilization rate of 71-81%. Thus, K050 has sufficient space to accommodate the proposed co-location.

Success Charter Network (“SCN”),<sup>4</sup> a charter management organization (“CMO”) that operates nine public charter schools in New York City, has been approved by its charter authorizer, the State University of New York (“SUNY”) Charter Schools Institute, to open three new public charter schools in Brooklyn, including Success Academy - Williamsburg, for the 2012-2013 school year. Success Academy - Williamsburg has been approved by SUNY Charter Schools Institute to serve up to 689 students in kindergarten through fifth grade. However, the DOE has informed SCN that K050 can accommodate only the school’s kindergarten through fourth grade students based on the space available in the building. The DOE will consider all long-term options to accommodate the anticipated growth of Success Academy - Williamsburg, which may include re-siting some of its grades to a different location. Any proposal to re-site or co-locate Success Academy - Williamsburg in another building would be posted in another EIS subject to a vote by the Panel for Educational Policy.

The DOE believes in SCN’s record of success and supports the permanent placement of this charter school operated by SCN in District 14 in order to continue providing educational opportunities for students and families. SCN strives to provide rigorous and well-rounded instruction in communities throughout New York City. Each of the four SCN elementary schools that received a Progress Report for the 2010-2011 school year received an overall grade of A.<sup>5</sup>

## **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 the main office of J.H.S. 50 John D. Wells.

## **III. Submission of public comment.**

Written comments can be sent to [D14Proposals@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:D14Proposals@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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<sup>4</sup> Success Charter Network is currently undergoing a formal name change process. The new name of Success Charter Network will be Success Academy Charter Schools, subject to finalization.

<sup>5</sup> Source: Progress Report

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

January 17, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.  
Building K050  
183 South 3<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11211

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  
29 Fort Greene Place  
Brooklyn, NY 11217