



**Notice**  
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**Dennis M. Walcott**  
*Chancellor*

## **The Proposed Phase-out of Satellite Three Middle School (13K103) 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 phase-out and close Satellite Three Middle School (13K103, “Satellite Three”), an existing middle school located at 170 Gates Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11238, in Community School District 13, in Building K056 (“K056”) because of its low performance and its inability to turn around quickly to better support student needs. Satellite Three currently serves students in sixth through eighth grades and admits students through the District 13 Middle School Choice Process. If this phase-out proposal is approved, Satellite Three would no longer admit sixth grade students after the conclusion of the 2011-2012 school year. One grade would then be phased out in each subsequent year. Satellite Three will close after June 2014. Current students will continue to be served and supported by Satellite Three as they progress toward completion of middle school. Current eighth grade students will be supported through the Citywide High School Admissions Process (“High School Admissions Process”) as they select a high school.

Satellite Three is currently “co-located” in building K056 with the following schools: 75K369, a District 75 inclusion program (75K369, “P369K@I103 Satellite Three”); 75K369, a District 75 Program (75K369, “P369K@P056”); and P.S. 056 Lewis H. Latimer (13K056, “P.S. 56”). P369K@I103 Satellite Three is a D75 inclusion program for students in grades kindergarten through five; its students are enrolled in Satellite Three’s general education classes, and depending on their individual needs receive Special Education Teacher Support Services (“SETSS”). P.S. 56 is an existing zoned elementary school that serves students in Kindergarten through fifth grade; P.S. 56 also offers a pre-kindergarten program. P369K@P056 is a D75 inclusion program for students in grades kindergarten through five; its students are enrolled in P.S. 56’s general education classes, and depending on their individual needs receive SETSS.

The DOE does not anticipate that the proposed phase-out and eventual closure of Satellite Three will impact admissions, current or future student enrollment, or instructional programming or extracurricular program offerings at P369K@P056K or P.S. 56.

In a separate Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) posted in December 2011, the DOE has also proposed to co-locate a new middle school, M.S. 351 (13K351, “M.S. 351”), which would serve students in sixth through eighth grade when it reaches full scale in K056 in 2014-2015. This new middle school would admit sixth grade students through the District 13 Middle School Choice

Process with a limited unscreened selection method. If the proposal to phase out Satellite Three and the proposal to open M.S. 351 are both approved, P369K@I103 Satellite Three's inclusion program currently associated with Satellite Three would continue to exist as Satellite Three phases out and would be associated with M.S. 351 as it phases in, so that the inclusion program will continue to be provided in K056.

If the proposal to co-locate M.S. 351 in K056 is approved, it would provide a new middle school option for District 13 families and replace the seats lost by the proposed phase out of Satellite Three. M.S. 351 would be co-located in K056 with Satellite Three, P369K@I103 Satellite Three, P369K@P056, and P.S. 56 as Satellite Three phases out and M.S. 351 phase in.

The DOE does not anticipate that this proposal will affect the admissions processes, academic programs, extracurricular activities, or partnerships currently offered at P369K@I103 Satellite Three, P369K@P056, and P.S. 56. Students with disabilities and English Language Learners ("ELLs") will all receive mandated services.

### *Background on the DOE's Decision-Making Process*

Schools are identified for possible phase-out for the following three reasons: (1) they received poor grades on their annual Progress Report; (2) they received a poor rating on their annual Quality Review; or (3) they have been identified by the New York State Education Department ("SED") as Persistently Low Achieving ("PLA"). Specifically, under the DOE's accountability framework, all schools that receive a D or F, or a third consecutive grade of C or lower on their annual Progress Report and all schools that received a rating of Underdeveloped on their most recent Quality Review are evaluated for intensive support or intervention, including the possibility of phase-out. Progress Reports are released by the DOE each fall and evaluate schools based on Student Progress, Student Performance, and School Environment, which includes attendance and survey feedback from parents, teachers, and sixth- to twelfth-grade students, where applicable. During Quality Reviews, experienced educators visit a school over several days, observe classrooms and talk with students, staff and families. Schools are rated on a four-point scale, with "Underdeveloped" as the lowest possible rating and "Well Developed" as the highest.

A school's Progress Report and its Quality Review may initially suggest a school should be considered for intervention, but no single criterion leads to a phase-out decision. To identify the appropriate action that will best serve the student community, the DOE reviews school data, consults with superintendents and other experienced educators who have worked closely with the school, as well as gathers community feedback.

Satellite Three has steadily declined in performance over the last few years. Satellite Three earned an overall D grade on its 2010-2011 Progress Report. On the 2009-2010 Progress Report, Satellite Three earned a C grade, and on the 2008-2009 Progress Report, Satellite Three earned a B grade.

As a result, the DOE initiated a comprehensive review of Satellite Three with the goal of determining what intensive supports and interventions would best benefit the Satellite Three

community. During that review, the DOE looked at recent and historical performance, consulted with superintendents and other experienced educators who have worked closely with the school, and gathered community feedback.

After completing that review, the DOE believes that only the most serious intervention—the gradual phase-out and eventual closure of Satellite Three —will best serve students and the community. Phasing out and closing Satellite Three will allow for new school options to develop in K056 that are intended to provide better options for families.

## **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. 56's, Satellite Three's, P369K@P056's, and P369K@I103 Satellite Three's main offices.

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

Written comments can be sent to [D13Proposals@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:D13Proposals@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.**

January 19, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.  
Satellite Three Middle School  
170 Gates Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11238

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