Notice
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Chancellor

The Proposed Co-location of a New High School, New School 1 (02M533), with Washington Irving High School (02M460), Gramercy Arts High School (02M374), High School for Language and Diplomacy (02M399), International High School at Union Square (02M438), and The Academy for Software Engineering (02M546) in School Building M460, 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 open and site New School 1 (02M533, "New School 1"), a new high school, in school building M460 ("M460") located at 40 Irving Place, Manhattan, NY 10003, located within the geographical confines of Community School District 2 ("District 2"). If this proposal is approved, New School 1 would be co-located with Washington Irving High School (02M460, "Washington Irving"); Gramercy Arts High School (02M374, "Gramercy Arts"), an existing high school that serves students in grades 9-12; the High School for Language and Diplomacy (02M399, "Language and Diplomacy"), an existing high school that currently serves students in grades 9-11; International High School at Union Square (02M438, "International"), an existing high school that currently serves students in grades 9-10; and The Academy for Software Engineering (02M546, "Software"), another new high school proposed in another Educational Impact Statement ("EIS") posted concurrently with this proposal. Language and Diplomacy and International are both currently phasing in, gradually growing to full-scale as they each add a new grade of students annually. They both will serve students in grades 9-12 at full scale. In addition, M460 houses a Young Adult Borough Center ("YABC"). A "co-location" means that two or more school organizations are located in the same building and may share common spaces like auditoriums, gymnasiums, and cafeterias.

In a separate EIS posted on December 22, 2011, the DOE proposed to phase out and eventually close Washington Irving. Also in a separate EIS posted on December 22, 2011, the DOE proposed to open and co-locate an additional new high school, Software, in M460. These EISs can be accessed on the DOE's Website at http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2011-2012/Feb2012Proposals.

The proposed co-location of New School 1 in building M460 is part of the DOE's central goal to create new school options that will better serve future students and the community at large. New School 1 would offer a rigorous academic program, with a Career and Technical Education ("CTE") course of study and prepare students for post-secondary work.

New School 1 would admit students through the Citywide High School Admissions Process, and would have a limited unscreened admissions method, giving priority to Manhattan students or

residents. New School 1 would open during the 2012-2013 school year, when it would serve approximately 105-115 students in the ninth grade. New School 1 would gradually phase in by adding one grade per year. The school is expected to reach full scale in 2015-2016 and would serve approximately 420-460 students in grades nine through twelve.

In the event that the phase-out of Washington Irving is not approved, the DOE would re-examine the availability of space in the building, and may, as appropriate, revise its proposal to co-locate New School 1 in M460. Such a revised proposal would be described in a revised EIS. Washington Irving currently serves a total of 1,039 students in ninth through twelfth grades. Washington Irving is co-located with Gramercy Arts, Language and Diplomacy, International, and the YABC in school building M460.

The DOE has proposed to phase out Washington Irving after an extensive review of data and community feedback indicating that the school is unable to turn around despite numerous efforts to improve instruction and school organization. As noted in the EIS posted on December 22, 2011, performance at the school continued to decline in the 2010-2011 school year.

If the Panel for Educational Policy ("PEP") approves the proposal to phase out Washington Irving, the school will no longer admit new ninth-grade students after the end of this school year. However, Washington Irving will continue to serve students currently enrolled in the school. Washington Irving's enrollment will decrease gradually over the next three years, and the school will complete phasing out in June 2015.

Background on the DOE's Decision-Making Process

The DOE strives to ensure that all students in New York City have access to a high-quality school at every stage of their education. Continuing to allocate space and resources to schools that are unable to significantly improve student performance is neither efficient nor equitable. As detailed in the EIS posted on December 22, 2011, the DOE has concluded that phasing out Washington Irving is appropriate due to the school's history of poor performance.

As part of the replacement strategy for Washington Irving, the DOE is proposing to recover the seats lost through the phase-out of Washington Irving by adding two new schools in the M460 building, one of which would be New School 1. The DOE believes that co-locating two new high schools in M460 would create much needed new educational options in the community.

Additionally, the DOE is committed to providing high quality CTE programming to students in Manhattan. Washington Irving currently offers CTE programs; New School 1 and Software will offer CTE programming, and would help replace the CTE seats lost if Washington Irving phases out as proposed. The specific CTE programs proposed for New School 1 are described in greater detail below.

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

The Educational Impact Statement ("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 Washington Irving High School's, Gramercy Arts High School's, High School for Language and Diplomacy's, and International High School at Union Square's main office.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D02Proposals@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 joint public hearings for this proposal.

January 31, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.
Washington Irving High School
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New York, NY 10003

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