



Notice
December 22, 2011

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Chancellor

The Proposed Phase-Out of Samuel Gompers Career and Technical Education High School (07X655) 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 Samuel Gompers Career and Technical Education High School (07X655, “Samuel Gompers”) based on its poor performance and the DOE’s assessment that the school lacks the capacity to turn around quickly to better support student needs. Samuel Gompers is located in building X655 at 455 Southern Boulevard, Bronx, NY 10455, within the geographical confines of Community School District 7 (“District 7”).

If this proposal is approved by the Panel for Educational Policy (“PEP”) in February 2012, Samuel Gompers would no longer admit new ninth-grade students after the conclusion of the 2011-2012 school year and would continue to phase out one grade at a time until June 2015, when it would close.

Students currently attending Samuel Gompers would be supported as they progress towards graduation while remaining enrolled at Samuel Gompers. In cases where students do not complete graduation requirements by June 2015, the DOE would help those students and their families identify alternate programs or schools that meet their individual needs so that students may continue their education after Samuel Gompers completes its phase-out.

Samuel Gompers is a Career and Technical Education (“CTE”) school. It currently serves approximately 676 students in grades nine through twelve. Samuel Gompers admits students in ninth grade through the Citywide High School Admissions Process.

In two separate Educational Impact Statements (“EISs”) also posted on December 22, 2011, the DOE is proposing to open two new high schools in building X655 as replacements for Samuel Gompers: New Visions Charter High School for Advanced Math and Science II (“AMS II”) and 07X557, a new transfer high school. These proposals can be found at <http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2011-2012/Feb2012Proposals>.

If the proposals to co-locate AMS II and 07X557 in building X655 are approved, AMS II and 07X557 would begin to serve students in the building in September 2012. AMS II, a new public charter high school that was approved by the New York State Education

Department (“SED”) on September 12, 2011, would admit students through a charter lottery, giving preference to students who reside in District 7. 07X557 would have a rolling admissions policy, accepting students who are 16 years of age and older and who have attended another high school for at least one year.

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 Samuel Gompers Career and Technical Education High School’s main office.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D07Proposals@schools.nyc.gov.

Oral comments can be left at 212-374-5159.

IV. The name, office, address, e-mail, and telephone number of the city district representative, knowledgeable on the item under consideration, from whom information may be obtained concerning the item.

Name: Rosa Fernández
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V. Date, time, and place of Joint Public Hearing for this proposal.

February 2, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.
Samuel Gompers Career and Technical Education High School
455 Southern Boulevard
Bronx, NY 10455

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