



Notice
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Chancellor

The Proposed Co-Location of a New Charter High School, New Visions Charter High School for the Humanities II, with Existing School Jane Addams High School for Academic Careers (08X650) and New High School 08X559 in Building X650 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 co-locate New Visions Charter High School for the Humanities II (“HUM II”) in building X650 beginning in 2012-2013. HUM II is a new public charter school that would serve students in grades nine through twelve at scale. Building X650 is located at 900 Tinton Avenue, Bronx, NY 10456, within the geographical confines of Community School District 8 (“District 8”). A “co-location” means that two or more school organizations are located in the same building and may share common spaces like auditoriums, gymnasiums, libraries, and cafeterias.

In a separate Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”), the DOE is proposing to phase out and eventually close Jane Addams High School for Academic Careers (08X650, “Jane Addams”). Jane Addams, an existing school serving students in grades nine through twelve, is currently located in building X650. If the Panel for Education Policy (“PEP”) approves the proposal to phase out Jane Addams, HUM II would be co-located in building X650 with Jane Addams as it phases out. In addition, X650 houses a Living for the Young Family Through Education (“LYFE”) program.

The DOE proposed to phase out Jane Addams after an extensive review of data and community feedback indicating that the school lacks the capacity to turn around quickly to better support student needs.

If approved, Jane Addams would no longer admit new ninth-grade students after the conclusion of the 2011-2012 school year. The school’s enrollment would decrease gradually over the next three years, and the school would complete its phase-out in June 2015. The details of the phase-out proposal can be found at <http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2011-2012/Feb2012Proposals>.

In the event that the phase-out of Jane Addams is not approved, the DOE would re-examine the availability of space in building X650, and may, if appropriate, revise this co-location proposal.

In another separate EIS, the DOE is also proposing to open and co-locate 08X559, a new district high school which will offer Career and Technical Education (“CTE”) programming, in building

X650 beginning in 2012-2013. If these proposals are approved, HUM II would be co-located with 08X559 in building X650 throughout the course of its phase-in and thereafter. 08X559 would open in September 2012 with ninth-grade and would add one grade every year until reaching its full grade-span of grades nine through twelve in 2015-2016. That EIS can be accessed on the DOE Web site at <http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2011-2012/Feb2012Proposals>.

The proposed co-location of HUM II in building X650 is part of the DOE's central goal to create new school options that would better serve future students and the community at large. HUM II would offer CTE programs, which would train students with workforce skills in specific careers—and would thus help meet the DOE's goal of providing new CTE options for the community in light of the phase-out of Jane Addams.

The mission of HUM II is to ensure that its graduates have the skills and content knowledge necessary to succeed in their post-secondary choices by engaging them in coherent learning experiences that cultivate critical thinking and creativity. The school's charter was approved by the New York State Education Department ("SED") on September 12, 2011. Under this charter, HUM II would admit students through a charter lottery, giving preference to students who reside in District 8.

In 2010-2011, X650 had a target capacity of 1,241 students, but the building enrolled a total of 985 students, yielding a target building utilization rate of 79%. In the current 2011-2012 school year, the building is serving approximately 727 students, yielding a target utilization rate of 59%.

If this co-location proposal is approved, HUM II would open in building X650 in September 2012 and would serve approximately 135-165 students in the ninth grade. HUM II would gradually phase into the building by adding one grade at a time in each subsequent year. The school is expected to reach full scale in 2015-2016 and would serve approximately 540-560 students in grades nine through twelve.

In 2015-2016, once Jane Addams has completed its phase-out and both HUM II and 08X559 have reached full scale, there would be approximately 1,060-1,220 students served in the building, which would yield a target building utilization rate of approximately 85-98%.

Background on the DOE's Decision-Making Process

The DOE strives to ensure that all students in New York City have access to high-quality schools at every stage of their education. Additionally, the DOE is committed to providing high-quality CTE programs to students in New York City. As detailed in a separate EIS posted on December 22, 2011, the DOE is proposing to phase out Jane Addams due to the school's history of poor performance. The DOE believes that continuing to allocate space and resources to schools that are unable to significantly improve student performance is neither efficient nor equitable.

As part of the replacement strategy for Jane Addams, the DOE is proposing to recover the seats lost through the phase-out of Jane Addams by opening two new high schools in building X650, HUM II and 08X559. The subject of this proposal, HUM II, would offer a rigorous, college-

preparatory program with CTE programming designed to equip students with the skills necessary to achieve success in college and careers. It would admit students through a charter lottery, giving preference to students who reside in District 8.

HUM II would be managed by New Visions for Public Schools, an organization committed to preparing students for high school graduation as well as for successful futures in college and careers. New Visions for Public Schools would provide academic, programmatic, and operational support to the school.

New Visions for Public Schools has an extensive record of effectively providing support and start-up services to new small schools in historically underserved communities in New York City and nationwide. Since 2002 New Visions for Public Schools has created several new small public schools in New York City, including two new charter high schools, both of which opened in September 2011 on the John F. Kennedy Educational Campus in District 10 of the Bronx. Therefore, the DOE anticipates that HUM II would be a better educational option for students and families in the Bronx.

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 08Proposals@schools.nyc.gov

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

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 25, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.
Jane Addams High School for Academic Careers
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Bronx, NY 10456

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 9th 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

Brooklyn Technical High School
29 Fort Greene Place
Brooklyn, NY 11217