



Notice
December 22, 2011

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Chancellor

The Proposed Expansion and Co-location of P.S. 008 Robert Fulton (13K008) with Existing Schools George Westinghouse Career and Technical Education High School (13K605), City Polytechnic High School of Engineering, Architecture, and Technology (13K674), and a D75 School (75K369@K580) in Building K580 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 allow P.S. 008 Robert Fulton (13K008, “P.S. 8”) to expand to serve students in kindergarten through eighth grade and to serve the students in grades six through eight in Building K580 (“K580”), located at 105 Johnson Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201 in Community School District 13, beginning in the 2012-2013 school year. P.S. 8 is an existing elementary school that currently serves students in kindergarten through fifth grade, and offers a full-day pre-kindergarten program in Building K008 (“K008”), located at 37 Hicks Street in Community School District 13. P.S. 8 is currently the only school located in K008.

If this proposal is approved, P.S. 8 would expand to serve students in grades six through eight. Those middle school grades would be co-located in K580 with two Career and Technical Education (“CTE”) high schools: George Westinghouse Career and Technical Education High School (13K605, “Westinghouse”), an existing DOE limited unscreened high school serving students in grades nine through twelve, and City Polytechnic High School of Engineering, Architecture, and Technology (13K674, “City Poly”), an existing DOE limited unscreened high school, which is currently phasing in and will be at full scale serving students in grades nine through twelve in 2012-2013. CTE programs integrate rigorous academic study with workforce skills in specific career pathways. Students participate in programs that meet business and industry standards. Students receive instruction in an industry-related area and have the opportunity to graduate high school with industry-specific competencies and skills that lead to postsecondary education, further industry training and/or entry into the workforce. P.S. 8 would also be co-located with an existing District 75 School (“75K369@K580”), which serves students in grades nine through twelve with a range of learning and emotional disabilities. 75K369@K580 is an inclusion program, and its students are enrolled in Westinghouse’s general education classes, and, depending on their individual needs, receive Special Education Teacher Support Services (“SETSS”). K580 also houses a Community Based Organization (“CBO”), Counseling in Schools, and a Young Adult Borough Center (“YABC”) program, Downtown Brooklyn YABC (13K657). Under this proposal, P.S. 8 would continue to serve its kindergarten through fifth grade students at K008.

K008 has a target capacity of 353, but in 2010-2011, P.S. 8 served 552 students, yielding a utilization rate of 156%. As such, K008 does not have adequate space to accommodate P.S. 8's expansion to include middle school grades. Therefore, the DOE is proposing to split-site and co-locate P.S. 8's sixth through eighth grades in K580. A "split-site" means that a single organization serves some grade levels in one building and other grade levels in another building. 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. If this proposal is approved, in 2012-2013 P.S. 8 would expand to serve sixth grade students in K580 and, in the following years, would expand by one grade each year until it reaches full scale in 2014-2015.

K580 has adequate capacity to accommodate the co-location of P.S. 8's middle school grades with Westinghouse, City Poly, and 75K369@K580 at full operational capacity. In the 2011-2012 school year, K580 had a target capacity to serve 1,614 students but served only 1,279 students, yielding a building utilization rate of 79%. During the 2014-2015 school year, when P.S. 8 will be fully phased in if this proposal is approved, K580 is projected to serve approximately 1,445-1,560 students, yielding an approximate building utilization rate of 90-97%. Thus, K580 has the capacity to accommodate the proposed expansion of P.S. 8.

If this proposal is approved, P.S. 8 will grow to serve students in sixth through eighth grade in a split-site at K580, where it will be co-located with Westinghouse, City Poly, and 75K369@K580. P.S. 8 will begin serving sixth grade in building K580 in 2012-2013, and will add one grade each year until it reaches full scale in 2014-2015.

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

The Educational Impact Statement ("EIS") can be found on the DOE's Web site:
<http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2011-2012/Feb2012Proposals>.

Copies of the EIS are also available in the main offices of P.S. 8, Westinghouse, City Poly, and 75K369@K580.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to 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.

February 6, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.
K580 Building
105 Johnson Street
Brooklyn, NY 11201

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