



Notice
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Chancellor

The Proposed Opening and Co-location of New High School 17K745 with Existing Schools the International Arts Business School (17K544), the School for Human Rights (17K531), the School for Democracy and Leadership (17K533), the High School for Public Service: Heroes of Tomorrow (17K546), and two District 75 inclusion programs (75K036, P036@Wingate and P036K@H544K)), in Building K470 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 co-locate a new high school (17K745) in school building K470 (“K470” or “George Wingate Campus”) located at 600 Kingston Avenue, Brooklyn NY 11203, within the geographical confines of Community School District 17 (“District 17”). If this proposal is approved, 17K745 would be co-located with International Arts Business School (17K544, “International Arts Business”), an existing school which serves students in grades nine through twelve, School for Human Rights (17K531, “Human Rights”), an existing school which serves students in grades six through twelve, the School for Democracy and Leadership (17K533, “Democracy and Leadership”), an existing school which serves students in grades six through twelve, and the High School for Public Service: Heroes of Tomorrow (17K546, “HS for Public Service”), an existing high school which serves students in grades nine through twelve in K470. 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 addition, K470 houses two sites of a multi-side District 75 inclusion program (75K036): P036K@H544K, which serves students in grades nine through twelve in International Arts Business’ general education classes, and P036@Wingate, which serves students in Human Rights’ general education classes.

International Arts Business currently serves a total of 400 students in ninth through twelfth grades. In a separate EIS posted in December 2011, the DOE has proposed to phase out and eventually close International Arts Business. This EIS can be accessed on the DOE’s Website at <http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2011-2012/Feb12011Proposals>.

International Arts Business also offers a Career and Technical Education (“CTE”) pathway in the high school grades. If the proposed phase out of International Arts Business is approved, beginning in September 2012, International Arts Business will no longer be an option for new students interested in CTE programming. Please refer to the aforementioned EIS for more

information on impact to CTE students.

In the event that the phase-out of International Arts Business 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 17K745 in K470. Such a revised proposal would be described in a revised EIS.

The DOE has proposed to phase out International Arts Business 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 in December 2011, International Arts Business students continue to struggle academically.

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

The proposed co-location of 17K745 in K470 is part of the DOE’s central goal to create new school options that will better serve future students and the community at large. 17K745 would be open to students through the Citywide High School Admissions Process, and would have a limited unscreened selection method. The new school would open during the 2012-2013 school year, when it would serve approximately 105-115 students in the ninth grade. 17K745 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.

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 proposing to phase out International Arts Business, the DOE has concluded that phasing out International Arts Business is appropriate due to the school’s history of poor performance.

As part of the replacement strategy for International Arts Business, the DOE is proposing to recover the seats lost through the phase-out of International Arts Business by adding a new high school in K470.

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 International Arts Business’s, the School for Democracy and Leadership’s, the High School for Public Service: Heroes of Tomorrow’s, and in Wingate The School for Human Rights’s main office.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D17Proposals@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 3rd 2011 at 6:00 p.m.
International Arts Business High School – Building K470
600 Kingston Ave
Brooklyn NY 11203

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