



Amended Notice
January 20, 2012

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Chancellor

The Amended Proposed Phase-out of Washington Irving High School (02M460) in Building M460 Beginning in 2012-2013

I. Description of the subject and purpose of the proposed item under consideration.

On December 22, 2011, the New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) published an Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) proposing to phase out Washington Irving High School (02M460, “Washington Irving”), an existing high school in building M460 located at 40 Irving Place, New York, NY 10003, within the geographical confines of Community School District 2. It currently serves students in grades nine through twelve. The DOE is proposing to phase out Washington Irving 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.

The DOE is now issuing an amended EIS. The amended EIS clarifies that this proposal is not expected to impact the school-based health center (“SBHC”) located in building M460, but does not significantly revise the proposal itself.

If this proposal is approved, Washington Irving will no longer admit new ninth-grade students after the conclusion of the 2011-2012 school year. The school will continue to phase out one grade level at a time until it closes following the 2014-2015 school year. Current students will be supported as they progress towards graduation while remaining enrolled at Washington Irving. In cases where students do not complete graduation requirements by June 2015, the DOE will help students and families identify alternative programs or schools that meet students’ needs so that they may continue their education after Washington Irving completes phasing out.

Washington Irving is co-located with Gramercy Arts High School (02M374, “Gramercy Arts”), an existing high school that serves students in ninth through twelfth grades; the High School for Language and Diplomacy (02M399, “Language and Diplomacy”), an existing high school that currently serves students in grades nine through eleven; and International High School at Union Square (02M438, “International”), an existing high school that currently serves students in grades nine through ten. 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 nine through twelve at full scale. 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, M460 houses a Young Adult Borough Center (“YABC”).

Washington Irving offers eight Career and Technical Education (“CTE”) programs. It admits students in ninth and tenth grades through the Citywide High School Admissions Process in screened and educational option programs. Additional information about CTE programming and the High School Admissions Process is contained in Sections III.A and III.C of this proposal.

If this proposal is approved, Washington Irving will begin phasing out one grade at a time beginning in September 2012 and complete its phase-out after the 2014-2015 school year. In separate EISs, also posted on December 22, 2011, the DOE is proposing to open two new high schools, 02M533 (“New School 1”) and The Academy for Software Engineering (02M546, “Software”), both of which will offer CTE programs, in building M460 in September 2012. These proposals are also being amended to clarify the impact of each proposal on the SBHC. The amended proposals can be found at:
<http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2011-2012/Feb2012Proposals>.

The new schools are proposed to open with ninth grade, adding one grade annually and reaching full scale in the 2015-2016 school year with a grade span of nine through twelve. International and Language and Diplomacy will continue to phase in as planned, and Gramercy Arts will continue at its current grade span in the building.

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

The amended 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 amended EIS are also available in Washington Irving’s, Gramercy Arts’, Language and Diplomacy’s, and International’s main offices.

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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Address: 52 Chambers Street, New York, NY 10007
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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
40 Irving Place
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