



**Amended Notice**  
January 20, 2012

**Dennis M. Walcott**  
*Chancellor*

**The Amended Proposed Co-location of a New High School, The Academy for Software Engineering (02M546), with Washington Irving High School (02M460), Gramercy Arts High School (02M374), High School for Language and Diplomacy (02M399), International High School at Union Square (02M438), and New School 1 (02M533) in School 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”) issued an Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) proposing to open and site a new high school, The Academy for Software Engineering (02M546, “Software”), in school building M460 (“M460”) located at 40 Irving Place, Manhattan, NY 10003, located within the geographical confines of Community School District 2 (“District 2”). If this proposal is approved, Software would be co-located with Washington Irving High School (02M460, “Washington Irving”); Gramercy Arts High School (02M374, “Gramercy Arts”), an existing high school that serves students in grades 9-12; the High School for Language and Diplomacy (02M399, “Language and Diplomacy”), an existing high school that currently serves students in grades 9-11; International High School at Union Square (02M438, “International”), an existing high school that currently serves students in grades 9-10; and New School 1 (02M533, “New School 1”), another new high school proposed in another EIS posted concurrently with this proposal. 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 9-12 at full scale. In addition, M460 houses a Young Adult Borough Center (“YABC”). 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.

The DOE is now issuing an amended EIS. The amended EIS clarifies that the nurse’s office is operated by a school-based health center (“SBHC”) and that this proposal is not expected to impact the SBHC, but does not significantly revise the proposal itself.

In a separate EIS posted on December 22, 2011, the DOE proposed to phase out and eventually close Washington Irving. Also in a separate EIS posted on December 22, 2011, the DOE proposed to open and co-locate an additional new high school, New School 1, in M460. These proposals are also being amended to clarify the impact of each proposal on the SBHC. These amended EISs can be accessed on the DOE’s Web site at <http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2011-2012/Feb2012Proposals>.

The proposed co-location of Software in building M460 is part of the DOE's central goal to create new school options that will better serve future students and the community at large. Software would offer a rigorous academic program with a Career and Technical Education ("CTE") course of study and prepare students for post-secondary work. Software would admit students through the Citywide High School Admissions Process, and would have a limited unscreened admissions method. The new school would open during the 2012-2013 school year, when it would serve approximately 105-115 students in the ninth grade. Software 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.

In the event that the phase-out of Washington Irving 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 Software in M460. Such a revised proposal would be described in a revised EIS.

Washington Irving currently serves a total of 1,039 students in ninth through twelfth grades. Washington Irving is co-located with Gramercy Arts, Language and Diplomacy, International, and the YABC in school building M460.

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

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

The amended 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 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](mailto: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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**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