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Public Comment Analysis

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Topic: The Proposed Opening and Co-Location of a New High School (10X565) with Existing Schools Grace Dodge Career and Technical Education High School (10X660) and Crotona International High School (10X524) in Building X660, Beginning in 2012-2013

Date of Panel Vote: February 9, 2012

Summary of Proposal

The New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) is proposing to open and co-locate 10X565, a new district high school, in school building X660 (“X660”), located at 2474 Crotona Avenue, Bronx, NY 10458, located within the geographical confines of Community School District 10 (“District 10”).

If this proposal is approved by the Panel for Educational Policy (“PEP”), 10X565 would be co-located with Grace Dodge Career and Technical Education High School (10X660, “Grace Dodge”), an existing high school, and Crotona International High School (10X524, “Crotona International”), an existing high school that currently serves ninth grade and that will reach its full scale of ninth through twelfth grades in 2014-2015. In addition, X660 houses a Young Adult Borough Center (10X667, “Grace Dodge 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, libraries, and cafeterias.

The proposed co-location of 10X565 in building X660 is part of the DOE’s central goal to create new school options that will better serve future students and the community at large. 10X565 would offer a rigorous, college-preparatory program and would offer all enrolled students a Career and Technical Education (“CTE”) component. The school would be open to students through the Citywide High School Admissions Process and would have a limited unscreened admissions method with priority for students residing in the Bronx.

In a separate Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) posted on December 22, 2011, the DOE proposed to phase out and eventually close Grace Dodge. The DOE has proposed to phase out

Grace Dodge 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.

If the proposal to phase out Grace Dodge is approved by the PEP, the school will no longer admit new ninth-grade students after the end of this school year. However, Grace Dodge will continue to serve students currently enrolled in the school. Grace Dodge's enrollment will decrease gradually over the next three years, and the school will complete phasing out in June 2015.

If this proposal is approved, the new school would open during the 2012-2013 school year, when it would serve approximately 105-115 students in the ninth grade. 10X565 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.

Summary of Comments Received at the Joint Public Hearing

A Joint Public Hearing regarding this proposal was held at school building X660 on February 3, 2012. At that hearing, interested parties had an opportunity to provide input on the proposal. Approximately 151 members of the public attended the hearing, and 41 people spoke. Also present at the meeting were: John Tornifolio, Principal at Grace Dodge; Grace Dodge School Leadership Team ("SLT") representatives Brenton Anderson, David A. Davis, Liana Maris, Israel Soto, and Denise Sullivan; Marvin Shelton, President of Community Education Council ("CEC") 10; Noah Kaufman from the Citywide Council on High Schools ("CCHS"); Wilfredo Pagan, Bronx appointed representative to the PEP; Sterling Roberson, United Federation of Teachers Vice-President for CTE High Schools; Cheryl Simmons-Oliver representing Senator José Serrano's Office; Carron Staple, Bronx High School Superintendent; and Deputy Chancellor Marc Sternberg.

The proposal to phase out Grace Dodge was also addressed at this hearing. The analysis of comments concerning the phase-out proposal can be found at:
<http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2011-2012/Feb2012Proposals.htm>.

The following comments and remarks were made at the Joint Public Hearing

- The DOE did not receive any comments at the Joint Public Hearing held on February 3, 2012 related to the co-location proposal.

Summary of Issues Raised in Written and/or Oral Comments Submitted to the DOE

- The DOE received no written or oral comments through the dedicated phone line and Web site for this proposal.

Changes Made to this Proposal

- No changes have been made to this proposal.