



Notice
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Chancellor

The Proposed Temporary Re-siting and Co-Location of a Portion of One Grade Level of P.S. 92 Harry T. Stewart Sr. (30Q092) with P.S. 329 East Elmhurst Community School (30Q329) in Building Q329 Beginning in the 2014-2015 School Year

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

The New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) is proposing to temporarily re-site and co-locate a portion of the kindergarten of P.S. 92 Harry T. Stewart Sr. (30Q092, “P.S. 92”), an existing elementary school, with P.S. 329 East Elmhurst Community School (30Q329, “P.S. 329”), an existing elementary school, in building Q329 (“Q329”), located at 26-25 97th Street, Queens, NY 11369, in Community School District 30 (“District 30”) for a two-year period beginning in the 2014-2015 school year. A “re-siting” means students will attend classes in a different building than the one students have attended in previous years, and 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.

P.S. 92 is a zoned elementary school that currently serves students in kindergarten through fifth grades and offers a pre-kindergarten program in main building Q292 (“Q292”) and its adjacent transportable classroom units (“TCUs”), located at 99-01 34th Avenue, Queens, NY 11368, in District 30. In the Spring of 2013, the School Construction Authority (“SCA”) approved the construction of a permanent addition for P.S. 92, which necessitates the removal of the TCUs following the 2013-2014 school year. The permanent addition will add approximately 376 seats, and its construction will occur during the 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 school years, with student occupancy anticipated starting in September, 2016. During these two years, the students that would have been housed in the TCUs will be re-sited to the Q329 building. Building Q292 is approximately 0.8 miles from building Q329. P.S. 92 will not need to occupy space in Q329 after the completion of building Q292’s addition.

P.S. 329 is a new zoned elementary school that opened in September 2013 in Q329. P.S. 329 serves kindergarten students in 2013-2014. P.S. 329 will add one grade level every year until the school reaches its full grade span of kindergarten through fifth grade in the 2018-2019 school year.

As noted, this proposal only addresses P.S. 92's kindergarten students. If this proposal is approved, a portion of P.S. 92's kindergarten will be co-located with P.S. 329 in building Q329 for a two-year period starting in the 2014-2015 school year. During the two years of this proposal's implementation, P.S. 92 will serve 90-100 kindergarten students in building Q329 in the 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 school years. P.S. 92 will continue to serve pre-kindergarten, a portion of its kindergarten, and its first- through fifth-grade students in Q292 during this period. In the 2016-2017 school year, kindergarten students of P.S. 92 in Q329 will relocate to main building Q292 or the new permanent site adjacent to building Q292 scheduled to be completed by September 2016, where P.S. 92 will serve kindergarten through fifth grades thereafter. P.S. 92 will also continue to offer a pre-kindergarten program, subject to continued demand and the availability of funding.

Where possible, the DOE aims to utilize available space in other local school buildings to alleviate overcrowding or serve students during a temporary period of construction. Building Q329 has the capacity to serve 342 students. The DOE determined that building Q329 would have excess capacity during the 2014-2015 school year and for subsequent years as the new school P.S. 329 grows to scale. In 2013-2014, the building serves approximately 70 kindergarten students, yielding a utilization rate of 20%, indicating that the building has the capacity to accommodate additional students. If this proposal is approved, in 2014-2015, P.S. 92 and P.S. 329 will serve a total of 215-245 students in building Q329, yielding a building utilization rate of 63%-72%. In 2015-2016, during the final year of P.S. 92's temporary co-location in Q329, P.S. 92 and P.S. 329 will serve a total of 275-315 students in building Q329. This yields a projected target utilization rate of 80%-92%. Therefore, building Q329 has sufficient space to accommodate both schools during the period of this proposal.

This proposal is contingent on the completion of the P.S. 92 addition by September 2016. As noted, currently, the DOE plans to re-site P.S. 92's students to building Q292 or the new permanent site adjacent to building Q292 after the 2015-2016 school year. If P.S. 92's addition is not ready at that time, the DOE would issue a separate EIS describing an alternate siting plan for P.S. 92's kindergarten students.

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/2013-2014/December2013SchoolProposals>.

Copies of the EIS are also available in the main offices of P.S. 92 and P.S. 329.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D30Proposals@schools.nyc.gov.

Oral comments can be left at 212-374-7621.

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.

December 2, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.
Building Q292
P.S. 92
99-01 34th Avenue
New York, NY 11368

December 3, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.
Building Q329
P.S. 329
26-25 97th Street
New York, NY 11369

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.

December 11, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.
Taft Educational Campus
240 East 172nd Street
Bronx, NY 10457