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**NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF  
EDUCATION - DIVISION OF  
PORTFOLIO PLANNING  
New School at Taft - 03/16/12**

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2 SUPERINTENDENT CARRON STAPLE: Good evening  
3 everyone. My name is Carron Staple and I am the  
4 Bronx High School Superintendent for Districts  
5 8, 9 and 10. This is a meeting for the proposal  
6 - - co-location of the new high school in - -  
7 Urban Assembly Academy of for History and  
8 Citizenship for Young Men 09X239, Bronx  
9 Collegiate Academy 09X227, Dreamyard Preparatory  
10 School 09X329, Bronx High School for Business  
11 09X412, Bronx High School for Medical Science  
12 09X413 and Jonathan Levin High School for Media  
13 and Communications 09X414 in building X410 in  
14 2012-2013

15 The Principals of these schools are - -.

16 Good evening. This is a joint public  
17 hearing of the Department of Education, CEC - -  
18 and School Leadership Team for Urban Assembly  
19 Academy of for History and Citizenship for Young  
20 Men, Bronx Collegiate Academy, Dreamyard  
21 Preparatory School, Bronx High School for  
22 Business, Bronx High School for Medical Science  
23 and Jonathan Levin High School for Media and  
24 Communications. Once again my name is Carron  
25 Staple, Bronx High School Superintendent.

1           We have asked the District 9 Community  
2 Education Council and the School Leadership Team  
3 to participate in this joint public hearing. I  
4 am joined tonight by Marilyn Espada with CEC and  
5 the Principals of these Academies.

6           This hearing is being recorded.

7           I'd like to like to remind you that  
8 translation services are available for those who  
9 need translation.

10           MALE VOICE: [Spanish]

11           SUPERINTENDENT STAPLE: Thank you. The  
12 purpose of this hearing is for you to provide  
13 comments about the proposal. Before I describe  
14 the proposal, I want to make sure you are all  
15 aware of the opportunity to provide your input.  
16 All those who wish to speak must sign up in the  
17 speaker sign up area located just outside the  
18 auditorium. The sign-up list will close in 15  
19 minutes. Speakers will be given the floor in  
20 the order that they signed up. All comments are  
21 limited to two minutes.

22           There may be elected officials who arrive at  
23 different times throughout the evening. If they  
24 wish to speak, we will do our best to  
25 accommodate them at the first opportune moment.

1 Those who are here at the start of the public  
2 comment segment will be asked to speak first.

3 All comment will be mentioned in the  
4 Analysis of Public Comment to be published and  
5 provided to the Panel for Educational Policy on  
6 the eve before the Panel votes. That vote is  
7 scheduled for March 21, 2012.

8 The Panel - - meeting will take place at the  
9 high school in question, located at 225 W 24<sup>th</sup>  
10 Street, New York, NY 10019.

11 In addition we welcome any comments and  
12 feedback you may have at any time before the  
13 Panel votes on this proposal. The email address  
14 and phone number where comments may be made are  
15 at D09proposals@school.nyc.gov and (212) 374-  
16 5159.

17 And now we will discuss the proposals. The  
18 buildings for the Department of Education for -  
19 - is proposing to co-locate a new high school  
20 09X574 in building X410 for Taft campus, located  
21 at 240 East 172<sup>nd</sup> Street, Bronx, New York 10457  
22 in District 9. If this proposal is approved  
23 this new high school will co-locate in the Taft  
24 campus with - -. Urban Assembly Academy for  
25 History and Citizenship for Young Men, Bronx

1 Collegiate Academy, Dreamyard Preparatory  
2 School, Bronx High School for Business and  
3 Jonathan Levin High School for Media and  
4 Communications. And the - - Bronx - -.

5 A co-location means that two or more school  
6 organizations are located in the same building  
7 and may share common spaces such as auditoriums,  
8 gymnasiums, lavatories and cafeterias.

9 Urban Assembly Academy for History and  
10 Citizenship for Young Men is currently phasing  
11 out and - - conclusion in 2013-2014 school year,  
12 in two years. At this time the school will not  
13 - - students. Last year - - proposal for Urban  
14 Assembly Academy for History and Citizenship for  
15 Young Men due to - - constraints and - - the  
16 building is not - - proposal - -. This proposal  
17 - - within the school. The proposal - - is  
18 designed to serve English Language Learners  
19 which are students who are of limited English  
20 proficiency. The school - - sector for public  
21 school is to assure all high schools have access  
22 to a quality high school education that prepare  
23 them for college - -. This proposal includes  
24 09X564 will open the Taft Campus in September  
25 2012 and will serve approximately 75-85 students

1 in the ninth grade. 09X564 will gradually  
2 phase in by adding one grade per year 2015  
3 through 2016.

4 The school year is expected to reach full  
5 scale - - when they will - - approximately 300-  
6 340 students in grades nine through twelve.

7 Building X410 has a target capacity of 2,780  
8 students. In the 2011-2012 school year the  
9 building is serving a total of 2,035 students,  
10 yielding a target utilization rate of 73%.

11 In the 2012-2013 school year, during the  
12 first - - of this proposal the building is  
13 projected to serve approximately 1930 students -  
14 -.

15 In the 2015-2016 school year Academic - -  
16 Academy has completely phased out and the new  
17 school has reached full scale, there will be  
18 approximately 2,090-2,360 totals students served  
19 in the building. The projected target  
20 utilization rate at that point will be  
21 approximately 75-85%.

22 As such the DOE projects that - - will  
23 accompany - - location - -. This proposal - -  
24 is not available for non-zoned students.  
25 Facility - - provide - - as to education of the

1 Bronx. Which is a highly - - of - - students  
2 as well as - -. The - - course exceptional  
3 model will currently place - - students - - the  
4 learning approach - - the English Language at  
5 our schools.

6 So now we have the part of these  
7 presentation where any one that has signed up, -  
8 - okay. None? okay.

9 So at this time we have now concluded the  
10 formal presentation. And if there are no public  
11 comments that are to be made I believe - -. So  
12 if there is someone who would like to make a  
13 comment now would be the time - -.

14 Again we welcome any comments any feedback  
15 any time before the Panel votes on the proposal  
16 - -. This meeting will take place at the high  
17 school - - 225 W 24<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY 10019.  
18 Again you can call with any comments, the number  
19 is (212) 374-5159 and the email address is  
20 D09proposals@school.nyc.gov. Thank you - -.

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The prior proceedings were transcribed from audio files and have been transcribed to the best of my ability.

Signature 

Date March 8, 2012