



Notice
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**Department of
Education**

Carmen Fariña, Chancellor

The Proposed Expansion of Success Academy Charter School - Williamsburg (84K182) in Building K050 with J.H.S. 050 John D. Wells (14K050), Beginning in the 2016-2017 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 expand the grades served by Success Academy Charter School- Williamsburg (84K182, “SA- Williamsburg”) in building K050 (“K050”) to include grade five beginning in the 2016-2017 school year. SA- Williamsburg is a charter school currently serving students in kindergarten through grade three in K050, located at 183 South 3rd Street, Brooklyn, NY 11211, in Community School District 14 (“District 14”), where it is currently co-located with J.H.S.050 John D. Wells (14K050, “J.H.S. 50”), a district middle school that serves students in grades six through eight. In 2015-2016, SA- Williamsburg will phase in to serve students in kindergarten through fourth grade. SA- Williamsburg will also serve one section of full-day pre-kindergarten (“Pre-K”) beginning in the 2015-2016 school year.

K050 also provides space to El Puente and the Relationship Abuse Prevention Program (“RAPP”), two community-based organizations (“CBOs”). Building K050 also contains an adult education program (“79K755@K050”) that operates after school hours and is administered by the Office of Adult and Continuing Education (“OACE”) for adults age 21 and over.

The grade expansion of SA- Williamsburg in K050 is intended to support the educational continuity of students currently enrolled in SA- Williamsburg. If this proposal is approved, SA- Williamsburg’s future fourth-grade students who are eligible for promotion will have the opportunity to remain in SA- Williamsburg at K050 for fifth grade beginning in 2016-2017.

On March 1, 2012, the Panel for Educational Policy (“PEP”) approved the siting and co-location of SA- Williamsburg’s kindergarten through fourth grades at K050. The Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) for that proposal stated that the DOE would consider long-term options to accommodate the anticipated growth of SA- Williamsburg.

Pursuant to recent amendments to the Education Law which provide certain new and expanding charter schools with access to facilities, SA- Williamsburg made a co-location request to the DOE for space in District 14 for its fifth through eighth grades. Although SA- Williamsburg requested space for its fifth through eighth grades, at this time the DOE is proposing to site SA- Williamsburg’s fifth grade only at K050.

- Public engagement was conducted by the DOE in the course of creating this proposal which included:

- Meeting with members of CEC 14 on October 9, 2014 to inform the CEC of the recent amendments to the Education Law.
- Convening a Community Needs Assessment Forum on November 13, 2014 which included representatives from elected officials, Brooklyn CECs and District Presidents Councils at which District Planning needs and priorities in Brooklyn were discussed.
- Conducting a walkthrough of building K050 with a Deputy Chancellor from the DOE on April 21, 2015. On that day, the Deputy Chancellor and other DOE leadership members met with the leaders and School Leadership Team members of J.H.S. 50 and SA-Williamsburg to further discuss the proposal, listen to questions and concerns from the school communities, and determine whether significant logistical or other concerns would prevent the implementation of this proposal if approved by the PEP.

Additionally, J.H.S. 50 is part of the School Renewal Program. If this proposal is approved by the PEP, it will not impact the school's participation in the School Renewal Program or its ability to offer additional programming and supports for students. As part of the School Renewal Program, J.H.S. 50 will adopt a Community School model beginning in the 2015-2016 school year. While the DOE does not expect this potential expansion to impact any tailored ancillary services, extended instruction time, or other additional resources J.H.S. 50 may receive as a result of the School Renewal Program and the school's designation as a Community School, the DOE will re-evaluate the space allocations outlined in the attached Building Utilization Plan ("BUP") after J.H.S. 50's particular Community School model is developed. The DOE will continue to work closely with the J.H.S. 50 community to ensure all students receive the individualized support they need.

The DOE evaluates public school buildings throughout the City that are "under-utilized," meaning they have space to accommodate additional students. Building K050 has the capacity to serve 1,166 students. Currently, the building is serving 580 students, yielding a building utilization rate of 50%. Therefore, building K050 is "under-utilized." In 2015-2016, when SA- Williamsburg phases in to serve fourth grade students and begins serving Pre-K at K050, there will be 588-718 students in the building served by both schools, yielding a projected utilization rate of 50%-62%. If this proposal is approved by the PEP, in 2016-2017, when SA- Williamsburg expands to serve fifth grade students at K050, there will be 653-803 students in the building served by both schools, yielding a projected utilization rate of 56%-69%.

SA- Williamsburg will continue to use shared spaces with J.H.S. 50. As set forth in the BUP that accompanies this proposal, there is sufficient space in the building to accommodate this expansion.

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

The EIS and BUP can be found on the DOE's Web site:

<http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2014-2015/June2015SchoolProposals>.

Copies of the EIS and BUP are also available in the main office of J.H.S. 50 and SA- Williamsburg.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D14Proposals@schools.nyc.gov.

Oral comments can be left at 212-374-0208.

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.

Name: Timothy Castanza
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V. Date, time and place of joint public hearing for this proposal.

June 2, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.
Building K050
183 South 3rd Street
Brooklyn, NY 11211

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.

June 10, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.
Metropolitan Expeditionary Learning School
91-30 Metropolitan Avenue
Queens, NY 11375.