



Notice  
April 1, 2015

## **The Proposed Expansion of Icahn Charter School 7 (84X362) in Buildings X093 and X893 with P.S. 93 Albert G. Oliver (08X093), Beginning in the 2016-2017 School Year**

### **I. Description of the subject, purpose and substance of the proposal.**

The New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) is proposing to expand the grades served by Icahn Charter School 7 (84X362, “Icahn 7”) in building X093 (“X093”) and mini-school building X893 (“X893”) to include grades five and six beginning in the 2016-2017 school year. Icahn 7 is an existing public charter school currently serving students in kindergarten through third grade in X093, located at 1535 Story Avenue, Bronx, NY 10473 in Community School District 8 (“District 8”). Icahn 7 is currently co-located in X093 with P.S. 93 Albert G. Oliver (08X093, “P.S. 93”), a district school serving students in kindergarten through fifth grade and offering a full-day pre-kindergarten program. 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 grade expansion of Icahn 7 in X093 and X893 is intended to support the educational continuity of students currently enrolled at Icahn 7. If this proposal is approved, current and future Icahn 7 students who are eligible for promotion will have the opportunity to remain in Icahn 7 at X093 and X893 for fifth and sixth grade beginning in 2016-2017. Icahn 7 currently only occupies space in X093. If this proposal is approved, the Office of Space Planning will work with the Building Council comprised of leadership from P.S. 93 and Icahn 7 to determine the best way to allocate space between main building X093 and mini-school building X893.

Pursuant to recent amendments to the Education Law, which provide certain new and expanding charter schools with access to facilities, Icahn 7 made a co-location request to the DOE for space in District 8 for its fifth through eighth grades. Although Icahn 7 requested space for its fifth through eighth grades, at this time the DOE is proposing to site only grades five and six of Icahn 7 at X093 and X893.

The Icahn Network currently operates seven public charter schools, including Icahn 7, across the Bronx, specifically in Districts 8, 9, and 11. Icahn 7 is a charter school that opened in the 2013-2014 school year. The school’s charter was authorized in June 2011 by The State University of New York Trustees (“SUNY”). For the 2013-2014 school year, schools in the Icahn Network had an average ELA proficiency rate of 48% and Math proficiency rate of 65%. The Citywide average ELA and Math proficiency rates for the 2013-2014 school year were 28% and 34%, respectively.

In an Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) posted on May 10, 2012, the DOE proposed the siting and co-location of Icahn 7’s kindergarten through fourth grades at X093 and X893. The EIS also stated that the DOE would consider long-term options to accommodate the anticipated growth of Icahn 7. On June 26, 2012, the Panel for Educational Policy (“PEP”) approved the siting and co-location of Icahn 7’s kindergarten through fourth grades at X093. The details of the approved proposal concerning the co-location of grades kindergarten through four of Icahn 7 in X093 and X893 can be found on the DOE Web site at: <http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2011-2012/June2012Proposals>.

According to the 2013-2014 Enrollment, Capacity, Utilization Report (“Blue Book”), X093 and X893 have a collective target capacity of 651 students. During the 2014-2015 school year, X093 and X893 are collectively serving approximately 545 students, yielding a combined utilization rate of approximately 84%. This means that X093 and X893 are currently “under-utilized” and have excess space to accommodate additional students. If this proposal is approved, in 2017-2018 when Icahn 7 expands to serve sixth-grade students at X093 and X893, approximately 612-707 students will be served in X093 and X893 by P.S. 93 and Icahn 7, yielding a projected utilization rate of approximately 94%-109%. As discussed in Section II.B of the EIS, while the building utilization rate is projected to exceed 100%, both schools will receive their baseline space allocations pursuant to the Citywide Instructional Footprint over the course of the proposal.

The DOE believes in the Icahn Network’s overall record of success and supports the expansion of Icahn 7 to grade six in the X093 and X893 buildings in order to continue providing excellent educational opportunities for students and families.

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

The EIS and Building Utilization Plan (“BUP”) can be found on the DOE’s Web site:  
<http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2014-2015/May2015SchoolProposals>

Copies of the EIS and BUP are also available in the main offices of P.S. 93 and Icahn 7.

## **III. Submission of public comment regarding the proposal.**

Written comments can be submitted via email to: [D08Proposals@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:D08Proposals@schools.nyc.gov).

Oral comments can be left by phone at 212-374-5159.

## **IV. The name, office, address, e-mail address and telephone number of the city district representative knowledgeable on proposal from whom information may be obtained concerning the proposal.**

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## **V. Date, time and place of the joint public hearing for this proposal.**

May 6, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.  
Building X093  
1535 Story Avenue  
Bronx, NY 10473

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 PEP meeting at which the PEP will vote on the proposal.**

May 20, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.  
The Prospect Heights Campus  
883 Classon Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11225