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**NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION - DIVISION OF
PORTFOLIO PLANNING**
**Relocation of Teacher's College ES
to St. Joseph's - 2/13/12**

1 [START 285_046]

2 MS. GALE REEVES: If you could just please
3 have a seat and just - - to speak - - is located
4 on the table to my left. You have to sign in to
5 speak.

6 [background noise]

7 MS. REEVES: So once again, good evening.
8 This is a joint public hearing of the Department
9 of Education, Community Education Council as it
10 pertains to a proposed re-siting and expansion
11 of Teachers College Community School, 05M517, to
12 a newly leased building. I am District 5
13 Superintendent Gale Reeves (phonetic). We've
14 asked the District 5 Community Education Council
15 and the - - to participate in this joint public
16 hearing. I will now have each representative
17 introduce him or herself.

18 [background noise]

19 FEMALE VOICE 2: Good evening, my name is -
20 - president of the - - .

21 FEMALE VOICE 3: - - president of the CEC.

22 FEMALE VOICE 4: Ayisha Edwards (phonetic),
23 - -

24 (background noise)

25 MALE VOICE 1: - -

1 MS. REEVES: I would also like to - - the
2 audience we have sitting you see there's a
3 reporter and also a recorder - - representative
4 of the CEC as well as Mr. Joe Rogers (phonetic)
5 who is - -. Mr. Rogers is the chairman of the
6 Education Committee - - Education Committee. Is
7 there anyone else on the CEC or - - staff that I
8 didn't introduce? - -

9 (background noise)

10 MS. REEVES: Natasha - -

11 MALE VOICE 2: My name is Brad Taylor
12 (phonetic) - -

13 MS. REEVES: Thank you. Please note this
14 hearing is being recorded. There are Spanish
15 language - - available for those who require
16 interpretation services. You may - - them on
17 the table which is located right to my immediate
18 left.

19 (background noise)

20 MS. REEVES: - - Spanish speakers through
21 the course of public comments. It is important
22 - - to allow the interpreter an opportunity to
23 repeat commentary in English for the benefit of
24 the - -. I'm going to pause and just allow the
25 Spanish interpreter to repeat what I have said

1 in Spanish.

2 (Spanish interpreter speaking)

3 MS. REEVES: Thank you. Sitting in the
4 audience I would also like to acknowledge Miss
5 Jeanene Breeden, who's the Principal of Teachers
6 College Community School.

7 (background noise)

8 MS. REEVES: The purpose of this hearing is
9 for you to provide comments about the proposal.
10 Before I start the proposal I want to make sure
11 you are all allowed to provide your input. All
12 those who wish to speak must sign - - area
13 located to my immediate left. The site list
14 goes to 15 minutes - - sign up. All comments
15 are limited to two minutes. There may be
16 elected officials who show up at different times
17 of the evening. If they wish to speak, we will
18 do our best to accommodate them at the first
19 opportune moment. Those who are appearing just
20 for the public comment segment will be asked to
21 speak first. All - - mentioned in the analysis
22 of public comment will be published and made
23 available to the Panel for Educational Policy
24 the evening before the panel votes. That vote
25 is scheduled for March 1st; in addition, any

1 comments and feedback you may have at any time
2 before the panel votes on this proposal. The
3 email address and phone number for - - are
4 D05proposals@schools.nyc.gov. I'll repeat that.
5 It's D05proposals@schools.nyc.gov, and the
6 telephone number is 212-374-3466. Once again,
7 the telephone number, 212-374-3466. I will now
8 describe for you the proposal.

9 The New York City Department of Education,
10 or the DOE, is proposing to re-site and expand
11 the grades served by Teachers College Community
12 School, or TCCS, a choice district elementary
13 school that opened September 2011 and serves 50
14 students in kindergarten. TCCS is currently
15 located here in building M133 at 2121 5th Avenue,
16 New York, New York 10037, in Manhattan Community
17 School District 5. TCCS will be re-sited to a
18 building leased from the St. Joseph of the Holy
19 Family Church, or St. Joseph, which is part of
20 the Archdioceses of New York, located at 168
21 Morningside Avenue, New York, New York 10027,
22 also in Manhattan City School District 5.

23 The creation of TCCS was a component of the
24 West Harlem Community Benefits Agreement between
25 the West Harlem Local Development Corporation

1 and the Trustees of Columbia University in the
2 City of New York. TCCS is currently co-located
3 in M133 with P.S. 133 Fred R. Moore, and it's an
4 existing zoned elementary school that serves
5 kindergarten through fifth grades and offers a
6 pre-kindergarten program. A co-location means
7 that two or more school organizations are
8 located in the same building and they share
9 common spaces like auditoriums, gymnasiums, and
10 cafeterias. TCCS is expected to serve
11 kindergarten and first grade in 2012/2013, and
12 then add an additional grade each year until it
13 reaches full scale in the 2019/2020 school year
14 when it will serve students in kindergarten
15 through eighth grades.

16 In 2019/2020, when TCCS completes its
17 expansion and achieves full scale, it will serve
18 approximately 265 to 355 students in
19 kindergarten through eighth grades in mixed-
20 grade classes. As a choice school, TCCS will
21 enroll students through a school-based
22 application process with preference given to
23 District 5 and District 6 residents in
24 accordance with Chancellor's Regulation A-101.
25 TCCS will continue to be operated and supported

1 in partnership between the DOE and the Teachers
2 College Graduate School of Education.

3 At this time, any interested SOT (phonetic)
4 or CEC members are invited to make a
5 presentation. The first presenter will be Miss
6 Sonja Jones who's president of the CEC.

7 MS. SONJA JONES: Thank you. I want to take
8 this moment to say the CEC of District 5 - -
9 Teachers College - - which will allow it to have
10 a significant - -.

11 MS. REEVES: The next presenter will be Mr.
12 Rick - - SOT TCCS.

13 RICK: Hello. I want to say we're very
14 excited about - - we're very excited about this
15 move, we're looking forward to it, and we would
16 also like to thank the - -.

17 MS. REEVES: And finally - - from Teacher's
18 College.

19 FEMALE VOICE 3: Thank you. Good evening.
20 Teacher's College is proud to be collaborating -
21 -

22 (background noise)

23 FEMALE VOICE 3: --with the Department of
24 Education and specifically with - - and District
25 5 on - - Teachers College Community School. It

1 was always the intention of Teachers College in
2 creating a school that include - -. We are very
3 pleased that the - - has leased the building
4 from the St. Joseph's Church so that we can move
5 into a space that satisfies the attention of
6 Teachers College and the agreement - - and
7 Columbia University. The building is under
8 renovation and we are very excited to be moving
9 into a space that is going to be supported - -
10 so well. And I just want to also share my
11 thanks with the hosts at the Fred R. Moore
12 School, we appreciate - -.

13 MS. REEVES: Thank you. That concludes the
14 formal presentations. We will now open the
15 floor for public comments. - -. All comments
16 are limited to two minutes. - - will also
17 facilitate the second public hearing. The first
18 speaker who has been signed in is Mr. Joe Rogers
19 (phonetic).

20 MR. JOE ROGERS: Good evening. My name is
21 Joe Rogers, I'm a coach here at Manhattan - -.
22 I'm pleased to be with you tonight in part to
23 share community - - full support for relocation
24 of Teachers College Community School. - - and
25 it has - -. This relocation will make this

1 school more accessible to the West Harlem - -
2 and we hope and are working to bring to fruition
3 and that most of the seats in the Teachers
4 College Community School - - we're working very
5 closely with Teachers College colleagues to
6 members of the community, members of the school
7 to make that happen because I know a number of
8 parent information sessions - - school, several
9 parent information sessions. We look forward to
10 the school becoming a permanent part of the West
11 Harlem regional landscape.

12 MS. REEVES: Thank you. Next speaker, - -
13 and following him is Jen Harrison (phonetic).

14 FEMALE VOICE 4: I am a parent here at
15 Teachers College Community School. We are
16 really looking forward to the site of this
17 school and we have wonderful years - - as well.
18 - - change both in our homes and culture and,
19 yes, yes.

20 (Applause).

21 (Laughter).

22 MS. REEVES: And let me say members of the
23 Parents Association, they're all here from
24 Teachers College. Ladies, would you stand, take
25 a bow?

1 (Applause).

2 MS. JEN HARRISON: Hi, My name is Jen
3 Harrison (phonetic). I'm a parent at TCCS, and
4 this is an extraordinary place - - so I am very
5 excited by the prospect of being closer to home
6 - -. I've been one of the - - also have - -.
7 There are many of us who have - - first full day
8 of - -.

9 (background noise)

10 MS. HARRISON: Given that I think Columbia
11 has - - do not support us as parents being able
12 to have our kids in the same school. It doesn't
13 make any sense to me - - I don't have exams on
14 two half days and - -. So I completely support
15 all the work that's being done and I'm excited
16 about - -. Very supportive - -.

17 MS. REEVES: I also wanted to acknowledge -
18 -

19 (Applause).

20 MS. REEVES: We have a short sign-in list.
21 Is there anyone who has not signed up and you
22 would like to speak, I would like you to do so.
23 And because we're really informal here this
24 evening because - -

25 FEMALE VOICE 5: Good evening. My name is -

1 - and I'm the president of the Parent's
2 Association for the - - School. And - - all the
3 parents - - Diana Macklan (phonetic) and our
4 treasurer Diane Pinsky (phonetic) and our
5 secretary - - is not with us this evening, and
6 all of those parents - - staff. Again I want to
7 thank our host - - our parent coordinator - -
8 (Applause).

9 FEMALE VOICE 5: Our liaison, the Freed R.
10 Moore Academy, and we're happy we're moving
11 forward, excited about the opportunity and - -.
12 Thank you again.

13 (Applause).

14 MS. REEVES: Is there anyone else?

15 MALE VOICE 3: - -. Joe and his committee
16 are doing an excellent job - -. I also - - it
17 does seem a real shame and something really
18 needs to be done about it. Thank you.

19 MS. REEVES: Thank you.

20 (Applause).

21 MS. REEVES: Is there anyone else? Okay. -
22 - and I know that the entire issue the community
23 will fully support and embrace - -. I look
24 forward to continue working with - - the school
25 as the last site. The Educational Committee - -

1 also the district. The speaker list is now
2 exhausted. Again - - comments at any time
3 before the panel on Educational Policy votes on
4 this proposal at its March 1st evening. And I am
5 going to repeat again the email and telephone
6 number where comments can be sent. Once again
7 it's D05proposals@schools.nyc.gov, and the
8 telephone number is 212-374-3466. I would like
9 to thank all of you for your participation.
10 Have a wonderful evening, and Happy Valentine's.
11 Thank you.

12 (Applause).

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7 Signature

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