



Notice  
October 30, 2015

**Department of  
Education**

*Carmen Fariña, Chancellor*

## **The Proposed Consolidation of J.H.S. 057 Whitelaw Reid (16K057) with M.S. 385 School of Business, Finance, and Entrepreneurship (16K385) in Building K057 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 consolidate J.H.S. 057 Whitelaw Reid (16K057, “J.H.S. 057”), an existing middle school that currently serves students in sixth through eighth grades, with M.S. 385 School of Business, Finance, and Entrepreneurship (16K385, “M.S. 385”), an existing middle school serving students in sixth through eighth grades, in building K057 (“K057”), located at 125 Stuyvesant Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11221, beginning in the 2016-2017 school year. M.S. 385 and J.H.S. 057 are currently co-located in K057 with The Brooklyn Academy of Global Finance (16K688, “BAGF”) an existing high school that serves ninth through twelfth grade. The DOE is proposing to consolidate J.H.S. 057 and M.S. 385 because both schools have struggled with low enrollment, which creates budgetary and programmatic challenges. A “consolidation” means that two or more existing school organizations are combined into one school to operate and serve students more effectively. If this proposal is approved, M.S. 385 and J.H.S. 057 will be combined such that students, staff, and resources of M.S. 385 will become part of J.H.S. 057 and M.S. 385 will no longer exist as a distinct school option as of the 2016-2017 school year.

Public engagement was conducted in the course of creating this proposal, including:

- The District 16 Community Superintendent announced the potential consolidation to both school leadership teams and staff members on June 12, 2015.
- A letter discussing the potential consolidation sent home with students from J.H.S. 057 and M.S. 385 on June 15, 2015.
- A walkthrough of K057 and School Leadership Team (“SLT”) Debrief with a Deputy Chancellor held on October 20, 2015 to discuss the proposal further and answer questions. At the Debrief, DOE representatives were available to answer questions and address concerns from representatives of all impacted school communities in advance of the PEP vote. Participants included representatives from DOE’s Office of District Planning and Office of Space Planning, the District 16 Community Education Council (“CEC 16”), the J.H.S. 057 SLT, the FDA IV SLT, the BAGF SLT, and the M.S. 385 SLT.

Building K057 has the capacity to serve a total of 1,076 students. If this proposal is approved, in 2016-2017, J.H.S. 057 is expected to absorb the enrollment of M.S. 385 and will serve a projected 210-240 students in sixth through eighth grade. If this proposal and the proposal to re-site FDA IV to K057 are approved, based on the projected 2016-2017 enrollments of the consolidated J.H.S. 057, BAGF and FDA IV, K057 will have a total projected building enrollment of 380-490 students, yielding a projected building utilization rate of 35%-46%. This proposal is not expected to significantly change the total building enrollment.

## **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/2015-2016/December2015SchoolProposals>.

Copies of the EIS are also available in the main office of J.H.S. 057, M.S. 385 and BAGF.

## **III. Submission of public comment.**

Members of the public who wish to provide comments are encouraged to attend the Joint Public Hearing for this proposal and share their feedback in person. Members of the public that do not provide comments at the hearing may also provide oral or written comments as described below. All comments must be submitted at least 24 hours in advance of the PEP meeting at which this proposal is subject to a vote in order to be mentioned in the Public Comment Analysis to be published and provided to the Panel the evening before the Panel votes.

Written comments can be sent to [D16Proposals@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:D16Proposals@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: Greg Whitten  
Office: Office of District Planning  
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Email: [D16Proposals@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:D16Proposals@schools.nyc.gov)  
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## **V. Date, time and place of the Joint Public Hearing for this proposal.**

November 30, 2015 at 6:00 PM  
Building K057  
125 Stuyvesant Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11221

**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 16, 2015 at 6:00 PM  
High School of Fashion Industries  
225 West 24<sup>th</sup> Street  
New York, NY 10011