



**Department of
Education**

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Notice

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Revised: The Proposed Opening and Co-Location of Success Academy Charter School – New York 6 (84KTBD) with Existing School P.S. 297 Abraham Stockton (14K297) in Building K297 Beginning in the 2016-2017 School Year

I. Description of the subject and purpose of the revised proposed item under consideration.

On October 30, 2015, the New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) issued an Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) and Building Utilization Plan (“BUP”) describing a proposal to open and co-locate Success Academy Charter School – New York 6 (84KTBD, “SA – Bed-Stuy 3) in building K297 (“K297”), located at 700 Park Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11206, in Community School District 14 (“District 14”) beginning in the 2016-2017 school year.

The DOE is now issuing a revised EIS and a revised BUP. The EIS and BUP for this proposal have been revised to add information about the DOE’s methodology for calculating enrollment projections in building K297. The DOE has updated the projections in the EIS and BUP to reflect the fact that the 2015-2016 Unaudited Register became available on October 31, 2015, which is now the most current data available. The BUP has also been revised to adjust the shared space plan to proportionally re-allocate time based on student population of each impacted school in the 2016-17 school year. These revisions do not substantially change the proposal, and do not result in a shift of space allocation in K297.

If this proposal is approved, SA – Bed-Stuy 3 will be co-located in K297 with P.S. 297 Abraham Stockton (14K297, “P.S. 297”), an existing district elementary school that currently serves students in kindergarten through fifth grade and offers a full-day pre-kindergarten (“Pre-K”) program. K297 also provides space to a community-based organization (“CBO”): Good Shepherd. If this proposal is approved, SA – Bed-Stuy 3 will open in the 2016-2017 school year, serving approximately 140-160 students in kindergarten and first grade, and will add one grade level each year until it reaches full scale, serving approximately 350-400 students in kindergarten through fourth grade in the 2019-2020 school year.

Pursuant to recent amendments to the Education Law, which provide certain new and expanding charter schools with access to facilities, SA – Bed-Stuy 3 made a request to the DOE for co-located space in District 14 to open a new elementary school.

Success Academy Charter Schools (“SACS”) is a charter management organization (“CMO”) that currently operates elementary, middle, and high schools in New York City. If this proposal is approved, SA – Bed-Stuy 3 would open in the 2016-2017 school year and would serve students in kindergarten through fourth grade at scale in the 2019-2020 school year. SA – Bed-Stuy 3’s charter was authorized in the 2014-2015 school year by The State University of New York Trustees (“SUNY”).

SACS has informed the DOE of its intention to apply to serve pre-kindergarten at SA-Bed-Stuy 3 beginning in the 2016-2017 school year; however, the DOE has not yet released a Request for Proposals for charter schools interested in partnering with the DOE to offer pre-kindergarten for the 2016-2017 school year.

Prior to the 2015-2016 school year, P.S. 297 was co-located with The Ethical Community Charter School (“TECCS”) in K297. At the time of this school’s renewal process, TECCS had not demonstrated the necessary academic achievement and progress for charter renewal beyond their current charter term. The TECCS charter expired on June 30, 2015, at which time TECCS formally ceased operations. The Ethical Community Charter School Renewal Report and additional information about the charter renewal process can be found online at: http://schools.nyc.gov/NR/rdonlyres/ADFC0943-B112-4098-ACEF-001F762188B2/0/TECCSRenewalReport201415_Final.pdf.

According to the 2014-2015 Enrollment, Capacity, Utilization Report (“Blue Book”), K297 has a target capacity to serve 659 students. Currently, the building serves approximately 199 students, yielding a utilization rate of 30%. The DOE strives to ensure that all students in New York City have access to a diverse range of high-quality schools at every stage of their education and therefore evaluates public school buildings throughout the City. As noted above, building K297 previously housed P.S. 297 and TECCS. Beginning in the 2015-2016 school year, as a result of the non-renewal of the TECCS charter, the space previously occupied by TECCS became available, therefore rendering building K297 as “under-utilized,” meaning it has space to accommodate additional students.

If this proposal is approved by the Panel for Educational Policy (“PEP”), in 2019-2020, when SA – Bed-Stuy 3 is at scale serving students in kindergarten through fourth grade at K297, there will be approximately 548-658 total students served in the building, yielding a projected utilization rate of approximately 83%-100%, which demonstrates that there is sufficient space for all school organizations.

The revised BUP that accompanies this proposal also demonstrates that there is sufficient space in the building to accommodate this co-location. Thus, the DOE believes that K297 can serve all students that attend SA – Bed-Stuy 3 and P.S. 297.

II. Identification of all revisions, including substantial revisions to the original item

The revised EIS and revised BUP include the following modifications:

- The BUP has been revised to adjust the shared space plan to proportionally re-allocate time based on student population of each impacted school in the 2016-17 school year.
- In the shared space plan of the revised BUP we have adjusted the time allocation for the impacted schools, P.S. 297 and SA – Bed-Stuy 3 in building K297. This proposed Shared Space Plan is based upon the student population size in each school. SA- Bed-Stuy 3 has been allocated additional time based on its student population. P.S. 297 has been allocated a shorter time based on its student population.
- The EIS has been revised to reflect updated enrollment numbers from the unaudited Register that have recently become available.

III. Summary of all public comment regarding the original proposal received to date

There DOE has not received any written or oral public comment to date from the dedicated phone line or inbox for this proposal. A Joint Public Hearing regarding the original proposal will be held at Building K297 on December 3rd at 6 pm. At this hearing interested parties will have an opportunity to provide input on the proposal.

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

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

<http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2015-2016/December2015SchoolProposals>.

Copies of the revised EIS and revised BUP are also available in the main office of P.S. 297.

V. 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 D14Proposals@schools.nyc.gov.

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

VI. 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.

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VII. Date, time and place of the Joint Public Hearing for this proposal.

December 3, 2015 at 6:00 PM

Building K297

700 Park Avenue

Brooklyn, NY 11206

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.

VIII. 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

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