



Notice
February 1, 2017

Department of
Education

Carmen Fariña, Chancellor

The Proposed Closure of M.S. 584 (16K584) in Building K335 at the end of 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 the closure of M.S. 584 (“M.S. 584”), an existing district middle school that currently serves students in sixth through eighth grades in building K335 (“K335”), located at 130 Rochester Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11213 in Community School District 16 (“District 16”). M.S. 584 is currently co-located in K335 with P.S. 335 Granville T. Woods (“P.S. 335”), an elementary school that serves students in kindergarten through fifth grade and offers a pre-kindergarten (“pre-k”) program. K335 also houses the two Community Based Organization (“CBOs”), NYC Community Learning Schools Initiative-UFT and Counseling with Schools.

The DOE is proposing to close M.S. 584 based on persistently low enrollment, low performance, and lack of demand from students and families. If this proposal is approved, M.S. 584 will close at the end of the 2016-2017 school year and will no longer exist as a middle school option beginning in the 2017-2018 school year. If this proposal is approved, M.S. 584 will close at the end of the 2016-2017 school year and will no longer exist as a middle school option beginning in the 2017-2018 school year. DOE staff will work individually with current sixth and seventh grade students, as well as eighth grade students who do not meet promotional criteria, to ensure that those students are offered seats in other higher-performing district middle schools. Current eighth grade students who meet promotional criteria will complete middle school at M.S. 584 at the end of the 2016-2017 school year, and may enroll in the high school to which they were matched in the Citywide High School Admissions Process. All students will receive alternative options for enrollment in District 16 and their zoned middle school district (if different) before being discharged from M.S. 584.

There is sufficient capacity in middle schools throughout District 16 to accommodate current M.S. 584 students, as well as future students who might have attended M.S. 584 if it remained open as a middle school option.

M.S. 584 is one of a cohort of 86 schools that have been designated by the DOE as Renewal Schools. Schools selected to be Renewal Schools were assigned a “Priority” or “Focus” accountability status by the New York State Department of Education, demonstrated low academic achievement (in 2012, 2013, and 2014), and scored “Proficient” or below on their most recent Quality Reviews. M.S. 584 has a “Focus” accountability status and received a score of “Developing” on its most recent Quality Review. Despite programmatic, leadership and structural interventions, M.S. 584 continues to struggle with enrollment, performance, and demand.

During the 2011-2012 school year, M.S. 584 served 180 students in sixth through eighth grades. In the current 2016-2017 school year, M.S. 584 is serving 78 students across grades six through eight, which represents a nearly 57% decline in enrollment over the past five years. In 2015-2016, only 12% of students at M.S. 584 were proficient in ELA, compared to 18% in District 16 and 37% citywide. Additionally, only 8% of students were proficient in Math, compared to 14% in District 16 and 32% citywide.

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

The Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) can be found on the DOE’s website:
<http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2016-2017/March222017SchoolProposals>.

Copies of the EIS are also available in the main offices of M.S. 584 and P.S. 335.

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 Panel for Educational Policy (“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 PEP the evening before the PEP votes.

Written comments can be sent to 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: Kelly Krag-Arnold
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V. Date, time and place of the Joint Public Hearing for this proposal.

March 6, 2017 at 6:00 PM
Building K335
130 Rochester Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11213

Questions about the proposal should be directed as indicated in Section IV above.

Speaker sign-up will begin 30 minutes before the hearing at 5:30 PM, 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 proposed item.

March 22, 2016 at 6:00 PM
The High School for Fashion Industries
225 West 24th Street
New York, NY 10011