



Notice  
February 1, 2017

**Department of  
Education**

*Carmen Fariña, Chancellor*

## **The Proposed Grade Truncation of P.S. 262 El Hajj Malik El Shabazz School (16K262) from a K-8 School to a K-5 School in the 2017-2018 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 truncate the middle school grades served by P.S. 262 El Hajj Malik El Shabazz School (“P.S. 262”) beginning in the 2017-2018 school year so that it will no longer enroll or serve students in sixth through eighth grades after the conclusion of the 2016-2017 school year. P.S. 262 is an existing zoned school currently serving students in kindergarten through eighth grade and also offers a pre-kindergarten (“pre-K”) program. P.S. 262 is housed in building K262 (“K262”), located at 500 Macon Street, Brooklyn, NY 11233, in Community School District 16 (“District 16”). K262 contains a community-based organization, Sports and Arts in Schools Foundation. If this proposal is approved by the Panel for Educational Policy (“PEP”), beginning in the 2017-2018 school year, P.S. 262 will serve only students in kindergarten through fifth grade. The school is also expected to continue to offer a pre-K program.

As discussed in more detail in the Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”), the proposal was developed in collaboration with the District 16 Community Superintendent, who believes that the truncation of the middle school grades will benefit P.S. 262 and District 16 families. The DOE is proposing to truncate the middle school grades of P.S. 262 to enable P.S. 262 to focus exclusively on its elementary school grades and continue building a quality elementary school option. This proposal is expected to help reduce the excess of over 1,550 middle school seats in District 16, by decreasing the number of middle school seats at P.S. 262 and supporting the enrollment at other middle schools across the district that will enroll future students who may have otherwise attended middle school at P.S. 262.

P.S. 262 has seen an overall decline in enrollment over the last four years. Over the last four years, the school’s kindergarten through eighth grade enrollment has decreased by 27% and middle school enrollment has decreased by 16%. In the 2015-2016 school year, about 41% of fifth grade students chose not to remain at P.S. 262 for middle school.

If this proposal is approved, P.S. 262 will no longer serve middle school students beginning in the 2017-2018 school year. Students in sixth and seventh grade in the 2017-18 school year who meet promotional criteria will be offered a seat at another middle school in District 16 or a middle school in their district of residence. Eighth-grade students who meet promotional criteria may continue on to the high school to which they are matched in the high school Admissions Process. Students in the sixth, seventh, and eighth grade who do not meet promotional criteria and must repeat a grade that is no longer served by P.S. 262, will be offered a seat at another middle school in District 16 or a middle school in their district of residence. P.S. 262 is currently available to students and residents of District 16 on the middle school application. For any families who ranked P.S. 262 on the middle school application, that selection will not be used for the matching process and student application choices will be moved up accordingly in the rankings.

### **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 office of P.S. 262.

**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 PEP the evening before the PEP 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.**

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

March 9, 2017 at 6:00 PM  
Building K262  
500 Macon Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11233

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 proposed item.**

March 22, 2017 at 6:00 PM  
The High School for Fashion Industries  
225 West 24<sup>th</sup> Street  
New York, NY 10011