



**Department of
Education**

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The Proposed Opening and Co-Location of New Visions Charter High School for the Humanities IV (84QTBD) with Channel View School for Research (27Q262), Rockaway Park High School for Environmental Sustainability (27Q324), Rockaway Collegiate High School (27Q351), P.S. Q256 (75Q256), and Alternate Learning Center - Beach Channel Educational Complex (88Q996), in Building Q410 Beginning 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 open and co-locate New Visions Charter High School for the Humanities IV (84QTBD, “Humanities IV”), a new charter high school that will serve students in ninth through twelfth grades, in building Q410 (“Q410”), located at 100-00 Beach Channel Drive, Queens, NY 11694, within the geographic confines of District 27, beginning in the 2017-2018 school year. If this proposal is approved, Humanities IV will be co-located in Q410 with Channel View School for Research (27Q262, “Channel View”), an existing secondary school serving sixth through twelfth grades, Rockaway Park High School for Environmental Sustainability (27Q324, “Rockaway Park”), an existing high school serving ninth through twelfth grades, Rockaway Collegiate High School (27Q351, “Rockaway Collegiate”), an existing high school serving ninth through twelfth grades, P.S. Q256 (75Q256), an existing District 75 school serving sixth through twelfth grades, and Alternate Learning Center - Beach Channel Educational Complex (88Q996, “ALC - Beach Channel”), which provides an educational setting for students in sixth through eighth grades who are on a Superintendent’s Suspension for up to 90 days. Q410 also houses two District 79 (“D79”) programs, LYFE and ReStart Academy, as well as two community based organizations (“CBOs”), Millennium and Partnership with Children.

If this proposal to open and co-locate Humanities IV in Q410 is approved, in the 2017-2018 school year, Humanities IV will open and serve students in ninth grade in Q410. It will add one grade level each year until reaching its full grade span of ninth through twelfth grades in the 2020-2021 school year.

New Visions for Public Schools (“New Visions”) is a charter management organization (“CMO”) that currently operates a total of seven charter high schools throughout New York City. These schools are opened in pairs and generally within the same building. In the Bronx, there are two New Visions Charter High Schools for Advanced Math and Science and two New Visions Charter High Schools for Humanities. In Brooklyn, New Visions has one Advanced Math and Science high school and one Humanities high school. Within the borough of Queens, New Visions has an Advanced Math and Science high school on the mainland and would like to open its sister school, Humanities IV, on the peninsula.

New Visions schools ensure that graduates have the skills and content knowledge necessary to succeed in post-secondary choices by engaging students, teachers, and administrators in learning experiences that

allow risk-taking, embrace multiple attempts at learning, cultivate students' imaginative and creative abilities, and celebrate achievement. Humanities IV will offer core courses including math, science, English, art, and physical education for all students, as well as Advanced Placement ("AP") and college-level courses, such as AP Government, AP Psychology, Literature Studies, and painting. Humanities IV will provide students with a foundation for career paths in public service, law, media, or the arts.

In November 2012, the New York State Education Department ("SED") authorized Humanities IV to serve students in ninth through twelfth grades. Humanities IV was originally approved by the SED to serve students in ninth through twelfth grades in Brooklyn. SED has since approved New Visions' application to serve students in Queens in District 27.

The DOE supports the opening of Humanities IV in District 27 as it will provide additional high school seats to the borough of Queens, which is projected to have a deficit of over 8,000 high school seats by 2019. Moreover, the DOE will be able to provide families with a new high school option on the peninsula, who have demonstrated a demand for the existing New Vision Charter School High School for Advanced Math and Science located on the mainland, in the August Martin campus. Out of the 254 total students served at New Vision Charter School High School for Advanced Math and Science, 22% reside on the peninsula. If this proposal is approved, students will have access to an additional high school option in Queens and the new school will add much needed high school seat capacity to the borough.

Q410 has the capacity to serve a total of 2,791 students. If this proposal is approved, in the 2017-2018 school year, Humanities IV will serve a projected 118-128 students in ninth grade, Channel View is projected to serve a total of approximately 780-850 sixth through twelfth grade students, Rockaway Park is projected to serve approximately 325-365 ninth through twelfth grade students, Rockaway Collegiate is projected to serve approximately 350-390 ninth through twelfth grade students, P.S. Q256 is projected to serve approximately 120-130 sixth through twelfth grade students, ALC - Beach Channel is projected to serve approximately 20-80 sixth through eighth grade students, and the ReStart Academy is projected to enroll 20-30 eighth grade students. The combined projected building enrollment at Q410 will be 1,733-1,973 students in 2017-2018, yielding a projected building utilization rate of 62%-71%. In the 2020-2021 school year, when Humanities IV is at scale serving students in ninth through twelfth grades, it will serve approximately 472-512 students. In aggregate, including the enrollment of Channel View, Rockaway Park, Rockaway Collegiate, P.S. Q256, ALC - Beach Channel, and the ReStart Academy, a total of approximately 2,087-2,357 students, in grades spanning from sixth through twelfth grade, will be served in Q410. This will yield a utilization rate of 75%-84%, which demonstrates that there is sufficient space for all school organizations.

More information about the upcoming Joint Public Hearing and Panel for Educational Policy ("PEP") meeting can be found on the DOE website at:

<http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2016-2017/March222017SchoolProposals>

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

The Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) and Building Utilization Plan (“BUP”) can be found on the Department of Education’s website:

<http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2016-2017/March222017SchoolProposals>

Copies of the EIS and BUP are also available in the main offices of Channel View, Rockaway Park, Rockaway Collegiate, P.S. Q256, and ALC - Beach Channel.

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 D27Proposals@schools.nyc.gov

Oral comments can be left at 212-374-7621

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 Joint Public Hearings for this proposal.

Beach Channel Educational Complex
March 8, 2017 at 6:00 PM
Building Q410
100-00 Beach Channel Drive
Queens, NY 11694

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

Speaker sign-up will begin 30 minutes before each hearing, at 5:30 PM, and will close 15 minutes after the start of each hearing.

VI. Date, time and place of the PEP meeting at which the Panel will vote on the proposed item.

March 22, 2017 at 6:00 PM
High School for Fashion Industries
225 W 24th Street
New York, NY 10011.