



**Notice**  
February 2, 2017

**Department of  
Education**

*Carmen Fariña, Chancellor*

**The Proposed Consolidation of Frederick Douglass Academy IV  
Secondary School (16K393) with the Brooklyn Academy of Global  
Finance (16K688) in Building K057 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 consolidate Frederick Douglass IV (16K393, “FDA IV”) with The Brooklyn Academy of Global Finance (16K688, “BAGF”), two existing district high schools both currently serving ninth through twelfth grades, beginning in the 2017-2018 school year. A “consolidation” means that two or more existing school organizations are combined into one school to operate and serve students more effectively. Proposals for consolidation seek to improve learning environments by combining the strengths and best practices of both schools and distributing resources to reinforce academic enrichment opportunities, interventions, and other supports. FDA IV and BAGF are co-located in building K057 (“K057”), located at 125 Stuyvesant Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11221 in Community School District 16 (“District 16”).

The DOE is proposing to consolidate FDA IV with BAGF because both schools have struggled with low enrollment, which creates budgetary and programmatic challenges, and because consolidation would support healthy enrollment at the consolidated BAGF. Both BAGF and FDA IV are existing District 16 high schools that serve students in grades nine through twelve in K057. If this proposal is approved, FDA IV and BAGF will be combined such that students, staff, and resources of FDA IV will become part of BAGF in K057, and FDA IV will no longer exist as a distinct school option as of the 2017-2018 school year.

FDA IV and BAGF are co-located in K057 with J.H.S. 57 Whitelaw Reid (16K507, “J.H.S 57”), a district middle school serving students in grades six through eight. If this proposal is approved, J.H.S 57 will continue to serve students in grades six through eight in K057. K057 also houses a community-based organization, Center for Supportive Schools. If this proposal is approved, Center for Supportive Schools will continue to provide services and maintain space in K057.

FDA IV 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 Education Department (“SED”), demonstrated low academic achievement (in 2012, 2013, and 2014), and scored “Proficient” or below on their most recent Quality Review. (In four instances, which did not include FDA IV, schools were selected to be Renewal Schools per the Chancellor’s discretion).

As a Renewal School, FDA IV is also a Community School. Community Schools are intended to be neighborhood hubs where students receive high-quality academic instruction, families can

access social services, and communities congregate to share resources and address their common challenges. If this proposal is approved, the consolidated BAGF would not be designated as a Renewal School, but it would be designated as a Community School. Accordingly, while FDA IV receives funds as both a Community School and a Renewal School, the consolidated BAGF would only receive funding through the Community School program.

This proposal has been developed by the Brooklyn High School Superintendent through a collaborative planning process. The Brooklyn High School Superintendent has worked closely with various DOE offices and the principals of FDA IV and BAGF to determine the best path to support the students at both schools. The collaborative planning process culminated in a decision to consolidate these schools into one stronger high school option. As explained above, the consolidation of FDA IV and BAGF will strengthen collaborations and promote efficient use of resources at the consolidated school. The DOE believes this proposal will result in stronger school options for high school students

In a separate Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”), the DOE is concurrently proposing to open and co-locate Brooklyn Emerging Leaders Academy (84KTBD, “BELA”) in K057 beginning in the 2017-2018 school year, where it would be co-located with J.H.S 57 and the consolidated BAGF. The proposal to consolidate FDA IV with BAGF is not contingent on the opening and co-location of BELA in K057. However, the opening of BELA proposal is contingent on the Panel for Educational Policy (“PEP”) approving this consolidation proposal.

K057 has the capacity to serve a total of 1,042 students. If this proposal and the proposal to open BELA in K057 is approved, in the 2017-2018 school year, BAGF is expected to absorb the enrollment of FDA IV and serve a projected 175-215 students in grades nine through twelve, BELA is expected to serve a projected 90-100 students in grades nine, and J.H.S. 057 is expected to serve a projected 195-225 students in sixth through eighth grades. K057 is projected to serve a total enrollment of 460-540 students, yielding a projected building utilization rate of 44% -52%.

More information about upcoming Joint Public Hearing and PEP meeting can be found on the DOE’s website: <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 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 the BUP are also available in the main offices of J.H.S. 57, FDA IV, 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.**

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

March 13, 2017 at 6:00 PM.  
Building K057  
125 Stuyvesant Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11221

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 of the hearing.

**VI. Date, time and place of the Panel for Educational Policy meeting at which the Panel will vote on the proposed item.**

March 22, 2017 at 6:00 PM  
The High School of Fashion Industries  
225 West 24th Street  
New York, NY 10011