



Notice
February 2, 2017

**Department of
Education**

Carmen Fariña, Chancellor

The Proposed Opening and Co-Location of Brooklyn Emerging Leaders Academy with J.H.S. 57 Whitelaw Reid (16K057) and the consolidated 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 open and co-locate Brooklyn Emerging Leaders Academy (84KTBD, “BELA”) in building K057 beginning in the 2017-2018 school year. Currently, K057 houses J.H.S. 57 Whitelaw Reid (16K057, “J.H.S. 57”), a district middle school serving students in grades six through eight, Frederick Douglass Academy IV Secondary School (16K393, “FDA IV”), a district high school serving students in grades nine through twelve, and The Brooklyn Academy of Global Finance (16K688, “BAGF”), also a district high school serving students in grades nine through twelve. K057 also houses a community-based organization (“CBO”): Center for Supportive Schools. If this proposal is approved, Center for Supportive Schools will continue to provide services and maintain space in K057.

The DOE is concurrently proposing to consolidate FDA IV with BAGF, 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.

The proposal to open and co-locate BELA is contingent on the proposal to consolidate FDA IV and BAGF in K057. Both proposals will be voted on separately by the Panel for Educational Policy (“PEP”) on March 22, 2017. If both proposals are approved, FDA IV will become a part of BAGF and FDA IV will no longer exist as a distinct school option as of the 2017-2018 school year. BELA will also open in K057 and be co-located with J.H.S. 57 and the consolidated BAGF in K057 beginning in the 2017-2018 school year. If the proposal to consolidate FDA IV and BAGF is not approved by the PEP, the DOE will reassess the space in K057 and may propose an alternate use of space resulting in a revised proposal in accordance with Chancellor’s Regulation A-190.

If both proposals are approved, BELA an all-female high school, will open in K057 in the 2017-2018 school year, serving approximately 90-100 students in ninth grade, and will add one grade level each year until it reaches full scale, serving approximately 350-390 students in ninth through twelfth grades in the 2020-2021 school year.

Brooklyn Emerging Leaders Academy Organization, is a charter management organization that has received charter authorization to serve high school grades nine through twelve in District 16 by The State University of New York Trustees (“SUNY”).

Pursuant to recent amendments to the Education Law that provide certain new and expanding charter schools with access to facilities, BELA made a request to the DOE for co-located space to open a new high school. The DOE supports the opening of BELA in District 16 as it will provide a new high school option for students in District 16. In future years, BELA may decide to move out of K057 and into private space, at which time the DOE would reassess the space in K057 and evaluate District 16 needs in collaboration with the community. Any future significant changes to school utilization in K057 would be proposed in a future Education Impact Statement (“EIS”), if one is required pursuant to Chancellor’s Regulation A-190, and be subject to separate approval by the Panel for Educational Policy in accordance with Chancellor’s Regulation A-190.

According to the Enrollment, Capacity, and Utilization Report, K057 has the capacity to serve a total of 1,042 students. If this proposal and the proposal to consolidate FDA IV and BAGF in K057 are approved, in the 2017-2018 school year, BELA is expected to serve a projected 90-100 students in grades nine, the consolidated BAGF is expected to absorb the enrollment of FDA IV and serve a projected 175-215 students in grades nine through twelve, and J.H.S. 57 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 Hearings and PEP meetings can be found on the DOE 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

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