



**Department of  
Education**

*Carmen Fariña, Chancellor*

## **Notice**

February 2, 2017

# **The Proposed Closure of Leadership Institute (09X276) in Building X004 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 Leadership Institute (09X276, “Leadership Institute”) at the end of the 2016-2017 school year. Leadership Institute is an existing high school that currently serves students in ninth through twelfth grades in building X004 (“X004”), located at 1701 Fulton Avenue, Bronx, NY 10457 in Community School District 9 (“District 9”). Leadership Institute is currently co-located in X004 with P.S./M.S. 4 Crotona Park West (09X004, “P.S./M.S. 4”), a district school serving students in grades kindergarten through eight and offering a pre-kindergarten program, and Icahn Charter School 6 (84X133, “Icahn 6”), a public charter elementary school serving students in grades kindergarten through four. P.S./M.S. 4 also serves students in adjacent annex X171 (“X171”), located at 1717 Fulton Avenue, Bronx, NY 10457. X004 also houses a community-based organization (“CBO”), Phipps Neighborhoods.

The DOE is proposing to close Leadership Institute based on its persistently low enrollment, low performance, and low demand by students and families. If this proposal is approved, Leadership Institute will close at the end of the 2016-2017 school year and will no longer exist as a high school option beginning in the 2017-2018 school year. Current ninth-, tenth- and eleventh-grade students, as well as twelfth-grade students who are not on track to graduate or who do not meet graduation requirements, will receive individualized enrollment support from DOE staff and will be offered seats in other high schools. Current twelfth-grade students who meet mandated graduation requirements at the end of the current school year will graduate from Leadership Institute.

There is sufficient capacity in high schools throughout the Bronx to accommodate current non-graduating Leadership Institute students, as well as future students who may have enrolled in Leadership Institute. If the proposed closure of Leadership Institute is approved, all non-graduating students will receive individualized enrollment support from the superintendent’s staff and Family Welcome Center (“FWC”) counselors, which will help students and families in thinking through the options presented in order to ensure that students choose the right school to continue their education for the 2017-2018 school year and beyond. This will involve an application process by which students will be offered options including higher-performing high schools. All non-graduating students will receive alternative high school options before being discharged from the closing school.

Leadership Institute belongs to a cohort of 86 schools that have been designated by the DOE as Renewal Schools. Schools selected to be Renewal Schools were assigned the state accountability status of “Priority” or “Focus” by the New York State Education Department (“SED”),

demonstrated low academic achievement (for the three school years prior to selection), and scored “Proficient” or below on their most recent Quality Review. In four instances, which did not include Leadership Institute, schools were selected to be Renewal Schools per the Chancellor’s discretion.

Renewal Schools have been transformed into Community Schools. Community Schools are intended to be neighborhood hubs where students receive high-quality academic instruction, families can access social services, and communities can congregate to share resources and address their common challenges. As such, Leadership Institute is a Renewal School and a Community School.

If this proposal is approved, Leadership Institute will close at end of the 2016-2017 school year and will no longer exist as a school option. As noted above, X004 is currently serving a total of 949 students and is therefore operating below its target capacity of 1,021 students. If the closure of Leadership Institute is approved by the Panel for Educational Policy (“PEP”), in 2017-2018 X004 is projected to serve 551-641 students in P.S./M.S. 4 and 180-230 students in Icahn 6, yielding a projected utilization rate of 72%-85%.

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

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

<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 Leadership Institute, P.S./M.S. 4, and Icahn 6.

**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 [D09Proposals@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:D09Proposals@schools.nyc.gov).

Oral comments can be left at 212-374-5159.

**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 16, 2017 at 6:00 PM at  
Building X004  
1701 Fulton Avenue  
Bronx, NY 10457

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 PEP meeting at which the PEP will vote on the proposed item.**

March 22, 2017 at 6:00 PM  
High School of Fashion Industries  
225 W. 24<sup>th</sup> Street  
Manhattan, NY 10011