



Date: December 16, 2009

Topic: Proposed Grade Expansion of P.S. 163 from PreK-6 to PreK-8

Date of Panel Vote: December 17, 2009

Summary of Proposal

This is a proposal to expand P.S. 163 Bath Beach (20K163, “P.S. 163”), an existing school serving students in Pre-Kindergarten and grades K-6 in Community School District 20, from its existing configuration to serve students in Pre-Kindergarten and grades K-8. P.S. 163 currently is located at 1664 Benson Avenue, Brooklyn. Plans are already in place for P.S. 163 to re-locate from its current school building, K163 (hereinafter referred to as “K163”), located at 1664 Benson Avenue, Brooklyn in Community School District 20 (“District 20”), to K807 (hereinafter referred to as “K807”), a newly constructed school facility addition to K163, also located at 1664 Benson Avenue, Brooklyn. A District 75 program will be co-located with P.S. 163 in K807. K807 has a capacity of 665. K807 has sufficient space for P.S. 163 and the D75 program to operate at full organizational capacity with the grade expansion of P.S. 163. An Educational Impact Statement on this proposal was posted on the Department of Education’s Web site on November 2, 2009.

Comments Received at the Joint Public Hearings

A joint public hearing regarding this proposal was scheduled for December 16; information regarding comments at the hearing was not available at the time of posting.

Summary of Issues Raised in Written and Oral Comments and Significant Alternatives Suggested

No comments regarding this proposal have been received.

Analysis of Issues Raised, Significant Alternatives Proposed and Changes Made to the Proposal

The DOE has made no changes to the proposal to change the grade configuration of P.S. 163. The proposal will be presented to the Panel for Educational Policy as it is posted.

A copy of the educational impact statement for this proposal can be obtained at http://schools.nyc.gov/NR/ronlyres/58B16C3D-B443-46DD-9F35-8716877EDF37/70611/20K163_EISFinal_112094.pdf.

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