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**NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION - DIVISION OF
PORTFOLIO PLANNING
Truncation of Brooklyn College
Academy - 10/25/12**

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2 MS. AIMEE HOROWITZ: We good to go? Okay.
3 Good evening. This is a joint public hearing of
4 the Department of Education, Community Education
5 Council, and School Leadership Team, for the
6 proposed grade truncation of Brooklyn College
7 Academy from 7 to 12 to 9 to 12, beginning in
8 2013-2014.

9 I am Brooklyn High School Superintendent,
10 Aimee Horowitz. We have asked the District 22
11 Community Education Council and the School
12 Leadership Team to participate in this joint
13 public hearing. I am joined tonight by
14 Principal Nicholas Mazzarella and Assistant
15 Principal David Genovese from the School
16 Leadership Team, and Lynette Pascall from the
17 CEC.

18 This hearing is being recorded. The purpose
19 of this hearing is for you to provide comments
20 about the proposal. Before I describe the
21 proposal, I want to make sure you are all aware
22 of the opportunity to provide your input.
23 Anyone--all those who wish to speak must sign up
24 in the speaker sign-up area located just outside
25 of this library. The sign-up list will close in

1 15 minutes. Speakers will be given the floor
2 in the order that they signed up. All comments
3 are limited to two minutes.

4 There may be elected officials who arrive at
5 different times throughout the evening. If they
6 wish to speak, we will do our best to
7 accommodate them at the first opportune moment.
8 Those who are here at the start of the public
9 comment segment will be asked to speak first.

10 All comments will be mentioned in the
11 analysis of public comment to be published and
12 provided to the Panel for Educational Policy the
13 evening before the panel votes. The vote is
14 scheduled for November 8th, 2012. In addition,
15 we welcome any comments and feedback you may
16 have at any time before the panel votes on both
17 proposals. The email address and phone number
18 where comments may be made are
19 D22proposals@schools.nyc.gov and 212-374-0208.

20 I will now read a proposal--a summary of the
21 proposal. Brooklyn College Academy 22K 555 is
22 an existing district school that currently
23 serves students in grades seven through twelve.
24 The school is split sited between school
25 building K 917 located at 350 Coney Island

1 Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, 11218, in Community
2 School District 15, and building K 55--K 555
3 located at 2900 Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn, New
4 York, in Community School District 22. Students
5 in grade seven through ten are served at K 917
6 and students in grade eleven and twelve are
7 served at K 555.

8 Brooklyn College Academy is a citywide
9 choice option and admits seventh and eighth
10 grade students through a school based
11 application, and ninth through twelfth grade
12 students through the citywide high school
13 admissions process by a screened admissions
14 method.

15 The New York City Department of Education is
16 proposing to implement a grade truncation
17 whereby Brooklyn College Academy will no longer
18 serve seventh and eighth grade students and will
19 only serve ninth through twelfth grade students.
20 Beginning in 2013-14, Brooklyn College Academy
21 will increase its ninth grade enrollment in
22 order to replace the middle school seats lost as
23 a result of this proposed truncation.

24 Therefore, Brooklyn College Academy's total
25 enrollment will ultimately remain at its current

1 level.

2 Brooklyn College Academy's seventh through
3 tenth grades, which are served at K 917, are co-
4 located with one site of a multi sited District
5 75 program, P 77 75 K 077, or P 77 K at 917 K,
6 which serves ninth and tenth grade students.
7 The Brooklyn College Academy eleventh and
8 twelfth grades, which are served at K 55, are
9 co-located with another site of P 77, 75 K 077,
10 or P 077 K at 555 K, which serves eleventh and
11 twelfth grade students.

12 At both sites, the D 75 program serves
13 students who are on the autism spectrum, have
14 significant cognitive delays, or are severely
15 emotionally challenged, sensory impaired, and/or
16 multiply disabled in an inclusion setting. In
17 an inclusion program, a student with special
18 needs receives services in a general education
19 classroom, along with general education
20 students. Students in the D 75 inclusion
21 program at Brooklyn College Academy are enrolled
22 in general education classes based on their
23 Individualized Education Program
24 recommendations, and also receive Special
25 Education Teacher Support Services in--and also

1 receive Special Education Teacher Support
2 Services.

3 In the 2011-2012 school year, P 77 K at 917
4 K served two inclusion sections of ninth through
5 tenth grade students and P 77 K at 555 K served
6 one inclusion section of eleventh and twelfth
7 grade students. This proposal to truncate
8 Brooklyn College Academy is not expected to
9 impact the admissions, enrollment, or academic
10 offerings of P 77 K at 917 K or P 77 K at 55 K.

11 K 555, which houses Brooklyn College
12 Academy's eleventh and twelfth grades is located
13 on the campus of Brooklyn College of the city of
14 New York. The building is leased by the DOE for
15 Brooklyn College Academy under the conditions of
16 a memorandum of understanding with Brooklyn
17 College. Brooklyn College Academy shares space
18 and facilities with Brooklyn College and its
19 eleventh and twelfth grade students are eligible
20 to enroll in college level courses at Brooklyn
21 College. If this proposal is approved, Brooklyn
22 College Academy will gradually stop serving
23 middle school students in seventh and eighth
24 grades.

25 After the 2012-2013 school year, Brooklyn

1 College Academy will no longer enroll seventh
2 grade students and after the 2013-2014 school
3 year Brooklyn College Academy will no longer
4 enroll eighth grade students. The school will
5 serve students in grades nine through twelve.

6 In each of those two years, there may be
7 students who do not meet promotional standards
8 and are required to repeat a grade that the
9 school will no longer serve. The Office of
10 Student Enrollment will work with those families
11 to determine an appropriate placement in the
12 student's districts of residence. As per
13 Chancellor's Regulation A-101, these students
14 will have a priority to their zoned school, or
15 could be placed in another school in their
16 district of residence.

17 In the unlikely event that there are enough
18 holdover students in a discontinued grade to
19 maintain a class section, it is anticipated that
20 the school will over that grade to those
21 holdover students for an additional year. As is
22 the current case, eighth grade students in the
23 next two school years who meet promotional
24 standards will apply to high school through the
25 high school admissions process with a priority

1 for enrollment in Brooklyn College Academy's
2 high school grades.

3 At this time, there are no plans to co-
4 locate any other organizations in K 917 or K
5 555. Because enrollment is expected to remain
6 steady throughout the course of the truncation,
7 the DOE does not expect there to be a
8 significant excess space as a result of the
9 truncation. Any future proposals for
10 significant changes in building utilization
11 would follow the process outlined in
12 Chancellor's Regulation A-190.

13 So we will now have presentation by hearing
14 participants. No representatives from the CEC,
15 as I understand it, or the SLT, have elected to
16 speak.

17 So we will continue to public comments. As
18 there are no public comments, we have now
19 concluded the formal presentations.

20 We can open the floor to comments. As there
21 is no one on the floor to speak, we can now
22 conclude this hearing.

23 Again, we welcome any comments and feedback
24 you may have at any time before the Panel for
25 Educational Policy votes on this proposal at its

1 November 8th meeting. The email address and
2 phone number where comments may be made are
3 D22proposals@schools.nyc.gov, and 212-374-0208.
4 Thank you for your participation. This joint
5 public hearing is now closed.

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The prior proceedings were transcribed from audio files and have been transcribed to the best of my ability.

Signature: 

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