



Amended Notice
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Chancellor

The Proposed Co-Location of Grades Five through Eight of Success Academy Charter School – Harlem 2 (84M384) with Academy for Social Action: A College Board School (05M367), I.S. M286 Renaissance Leadership Academy (05M286), The Urban Assembly Institute for New Technologies (05M410), and Urban Assembly School for Performing Arts (05M369) in Building M043 Beginning in 2014-2015

I. Description of the subject and purpose of the proposed item under consideration.

On January 18, 2013, the New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) issued a proposal to co-locate grades five through eight of Success Academy Charter School – Harlem 2 (84M384, “SA – Harlem 2”) in building M043 (“M043”) located at 509 West 129th Street, New York, NY 10027 in Community School District 5 (“District 5”) beginning in 2014-2015. SA – Harlem 2 is an existing public elementary charter school currently serving students in grades kindergarten through four in building M030 (“M030”) located at 144 – 176 East 128th Street, New York, NY 10035 in Community School District 5 (“District 5”), and students in grade five in tandem buildings M185 and M208 (“M185/M208”) located respectively at 20 West 112th Street, New York, NY 10026 and 21 West 111th Street, New York, NY 10026 in Community School District 3 (“District 3”). Tandem buildings are two separate buildings with separate entrances, which are joined by a central core containing a shared gymnasium, auditorium and cafeterias. On March 21, 2012 the Panel for Educational Policy (“PEP”) approved the co-location of the fifth grade of SA – Harlem 2 and the fifth grade of SA – Harlem 3 in M185/M208 for the 2012-2013 school year. In 2013-2014, these students will be served in building M101 (“M101”) located at 141 East 111th Street, New York, NY 10029 in Community School District 4 (“District 4”) and building M175 (“M175”) located at 175 West 134th Street, New York, NY 10030 in District 5. These proposals were approved by the Panel for Educational Policy (“PEP”) on June 26, 2012 and November 8, 2012 respectively.

This amended notice provides a new date for the vote by the Panel for Educational Policy on this proposal. This proposal will now be voted on at the March 20, 2013 meeting of the Panel for Educational Policy. Details on the new Panel for Educational Policy meeting date and location are included in section VI. below.

If this proposal is approved, grades five through eight of SA – Harlem 2 will be co-located with Academy for Social Action: A College Board School (05M367, “ASA”), an existing secondary school that serves students in grades six through twelve; I.S. M286 Renaissance Leadership Academy (05M286, “Renaissance”), an existing middle school that serves students in grades six through eight; The Urban Assembly Institute for New Technologies (05M410, “New Technologies”), an existing middle school that serves students in grades six through eight; and Urban Assembly School for the Performing Arts (05M369, “Performing Arts”), an existing high school that serves students in grades nine through twelve in M043.

In a separate Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) posted on January 18, 2013, and amended on January 31, 2013, the DOE is proposing to truncate the middle school grades of ASA based on its poor performance and the DOE’s assessment that the school lacks the capacity to improve quickly to better support student needs. That proposal can be found here: <http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2012-2013/Mar202013Proposals.htm>

If the PEP approves the proposal to truncate ASA’s middle school grades, ASA will no longer enroll sixth-grade students after the conclusion of the 2012-2013 school year; ASA will no longer serve sixth and seventh-grade students after the 2013-2014 school year; and ASA will no longer serve sixth through eighth-grade students following the 2014-2015 school year. In 2013-2014 and beyond, ASA will continue serving students in grades nine through twelve. Current students in grades six through eight will be served and supported by the DOE as they progress towards the completion of middle school while remaining enrolled at ASA. Current and future eighth-grade students who meet promotional requirements will be given priority to enroll in ASA for high school or will apply to another high school through the Citywide High School Admissions Process.

In the event that the truncation of ASA is not approved, the DOE will re-examine the availability of space in the building, and may, as appropriate, revise its proposal to co-locate grades five through eight of SA – Harlem 2 in M043. Such a revised proposal would be described in a revised EIS and/or Building Utilization Plan (“BUP”).

Success Academy Charter Schools (“SACS”) is a charter management organization (“CMO”) that currently operates 12 public elementary charter schools in New York City. SACS has been authorized by the State University of New York (“SUNY”) to operate six new public elementary charter schools starting in 2013-2014. The four SACS elementary schools that received a Progress Report for the 2010-2011 school year and 2011-2012 school year received an overall grade of A. SUNY has authorized SA – Harlem 2 to serve students in kindergarten through fifth grades. The current charter is up for renewal in 2013 (the current charter expires on March 10, 2013) and SACS has applied to SUNY to renew SA – Harlem 2’s charter and to expand SA – Harlem 2’s grade span to serve grades kindergarten through eight. SUNY has the authority to approve or deny this request. Should SUNY deny SA – Harlem 2’s request to expand to serve kindergarten through eighth grades, the DOE would consider alternate options for the space in M043 and, if necessary, propose an alternative option in a new or revised EIS and BUP.

If this co-location proposal is approved and the school receives permission from SUNY, SA –

Harlem 2 will serve grades five through eight in M043. Beginning in the 2014-2015 school year, SA – Harlem 2 will serve students in fifth and sixth grades and will add one grade level per year until it completes its phase in during the 2016-2017 school year. SA – Harlem 2 is expected to reach full scale in M043 in 2016-2017 and will serve approximately 480-550 students in grades five through eight.

The DOE supports SA – Harlem 2's placement in District 5 and anticipates that it will provide a high-quality educational opportunity for students. This proposal to co-locate SA – Harlem 2 in M043, where it will serve students in grades five through eight, is intended to increase the number of high-quality middle school seats and allow SA – Harlem 2 to continue providing high-quality educational opportunities for its students and families.

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

The Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) and Building Utilization Plan (“BUP”) can be found on the Department of Education’s Web site:

<http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2012-2013/Mar202013Proposals.htm>

Copies of the EIS and BUP are also available in Academy for Social Action: A College Board School, I.S. M286 Renaissance Leadership Academy, The Urban Assembly Institute for New Technologies, and Urban Assembly School for the Performing Arts main office.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D05Proposals@schools.nyc.gov

Oral comments can be left at 212-374-3466

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 hearings for this proposal.

The joint public hearing for this proposal was held on Tuesday, February 26, 2013, but additional comments and questions about this proposal can continue to be directed to D05Proposals@schools.nyc.gov or 212-374-3466.

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

March 20, 2013 at 6:00pm
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29 Fort Greene Pl
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