Second Amended Notice
March 7, 2013

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Chancellor

The Proposed Co-location of New School 27Q297 with Existing Schools J.H.S. 226 Virgil I. Grissom (27Q226) and P.S. Q233 (75Q233@Q226), a D75 School, Beginning in the 2013-2014 School Year

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

On January 23, 2013, the New York City Department of Education ("DOE") issued an Educational Impact Statement ("EIS") describing a proposal to open and co-locate a new district middle school, 27Q297, that will serve students in grades six through eight, in building Q226 ("Q226"), located at 121-10 Rockaway Boulevard, Queens, NY 11420 in Community School District 27, beginning in the 2013-2014 school year. 27Q297 would be co-located in Q226 with J.H.S. 226 Virgil I. Grissom (27Q226, "J.H.S. 226"), an existing middle school serving students in grades six through eight, and P.S. Q233@Q226 (75Q233@Q226, "P233@Q226"), one site of an existing multi-site District 75 ("D75") school serving students in grades six through eight. In addition, Beacon, a community based organization ("CBO"), is located in Q226.

On February 14, 2013, the DOE issued an amended EIS which provides updated information regarding the admissions method for new district middle school 27Q297. The updated admissions language is reflected in the summary, Section III.A, and in a table in Section IV.

This second amended notice provides a new date for the vote by the PEP on this proposal. <u>This proposal will now be voted on at the March 20, 2013 meeting of the PEP</u>. Details on the new PEP meeting date and location are included in Section VI. below.

J.H.S. 226 is a zoned middle school serving 1,369 students in sixth through eighth grades in Q226 during the 2012-2013 school year. P233@Q226 is an existing D75 program that serves students with an IEP classification of multiple disabilities and autism. P233@Q226 serves approximately 47 students in grades six through eight. These students are served in four SC sections; there is one 12:1:4 section and three 6:1:1 sections. Additionally, there are two sections of students who are served in Inclusion classroom settings.

27Q297 is a new middle school that, if this proposal is approved, would open in September 2013 in Q226, where it would be co-located with J.H.S. 226 and P233@Q226.

27Q297 will grow to serve students in sixth through eighth grade and will admit students through the middle school application process administered by the Office of Student Enrollment. 27Q297 will be open to students and residents of District 27 through a limited unscreened admissions process with priority for students in the Q226 zone. Limited unscreened schools give admissions priority to students who demonstrate interest in the school by attending an information session, attending an open house event, or visiting the school's exhibit at any one of the Middle School Fairs. In 2013-2014, 27Q297 would enroll approximately 105-115 students in sixth grade. In 2014-2015, 27Q297 would serve approximately 210-230 students in sixth and seventh grades. In 2015-2016, 27Q297 would complete its phase-in reaching "full scale," and serving approximately 315-345 students in grades six through eight.

Q226 has been identified as an under-utilized building. Q226 has the capacity to serve 2,034 students. In the 2012-2013 school year, the building only serves 1,416 students, yielding a utilization rate of 70%. If this proposal is approved, there will be sufficient space to accommodate J.H.S. 226, P233@Q226, and 27Q297. Once 27Q297 reaches full scale in 2015-2016, the Q226 building would serve approximately 1,724-1,788 students, yielding a building utilization rate of 85%-88%.

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

The amended Educational Impact Statement ("EIS") 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 amended EIS are also available in the J.H.S. 226 and P.S. Q233 main offices.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D27Proposals@schools.nyc.gov.

Oral comments can be left at 212-374-7621.

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.

Wednesday, March 6th at 6:00 p.m.

J.H.S. 226 Virgil I. Grissom
121-10 Rockaway Boulevard
Queens, NY 11420

Questions about the proposal should be directed as indicated in section IV above.

Speaker sign-up will begin 30 minutes before the hearing and will close 15 minutes after the start.

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 6:00 p.m.

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