



Amended Notice
March 8, 2011

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Chancellor

The Proposed Extension of the Co-location of VOICE Charter School of New York (84Q304) with Existing School P.S. 111 Jacob Blackwell (30Q111) in Building Q111

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

VOICE Charter School of New York (84Q304, “VOICE”) is an existing public charter school that currently serves 214 students in kindergarten through third grade in Building Q111, at 37-15 13 Street, Long Island City, NY 11101 in Community School District 30, where it is co-located with an existing zoned elementary school, P.S. 111 Jacob Blackwell (30Q111, “P.S. 111”), which serves 423 students in grades kindergarten through eight and offers two sections of a full-day pre-kindergarten program. A “co-location” means that two or more school organizations are located in the same building and may share common spaces like auditoriums, gymnasiums, and cafeterias.

VOICE has been co-located with P.S. 111 on a temporary basis since September 2008. On February 28, 2011, the New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) issued an Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) describing a proposal to permanently site grades K-4 of VOICE in Q111 beginning in the 2011-2012 school year, where it will continue to be co-located with P.S. 111.

This amended notice provides the time and updated location of the Panel for Educational Policy meeting at which the vote for this proposal will take place.

Consistent with its charter, VOICE will continue to expand in 2011-2012 to serve approximately 50 students in fourth grade in addition to the 214 students already served in grades kindergarten through three for a total of 264 VOICE students at the Q111 location. VOICE will continue to expand to serve another 50 students in fifth grade in 2012-13, the final year of its expansion. At “full-scale,” it will serve approximately 300 students in kindergarten through fifth grade. In 2012-13, 258 of these students, representing grades kindergarten through four, will attend school in Q111. VOICE enrolls kindergarten students through a charter lottery application process which gives preference to students residing in District 30.

If this proposal is approved, VOICE would continue to offer kindergarten through third grade and add 50 seats in fourth grade at Q111. The DOE is in discussion with VOICE about possible locations for its fifth grade, which will serve another 50 students. The fifth grade is not within the scope of the proposal which the Panel for Educational Policy (“PEP”) will be considering at this time.

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

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

<http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2010-2011/Apr282011Proposals.htm>.

Copies of the EIS and BUP are also available in the main offices of VOICE and P.S. 111.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D30Proposals@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.

Name: Izaak Orlansky
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Address: 52 Chambers Street, New York, NY 10007
Email: D30Proposals@schools.nyc.gov
Phone: 212-374-7621

V. Date, time and place of joint public hearing for this proposal.

March 31, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.
VOICE Charter School of New York/ P.S. 111 Jacob Blackwell
37-15 13 Street
Long Island City, NY 11101

Questions about the proposal can 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. Interpretation services will be provided in Spanish. To request interpretation services in another language, please contact Mr. Orlansky at the e-mail address or telephone number above.

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

April 28, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.
Prospect Heights Campus
883 Classon Ave
Brooklyn, NY 11225