



Revised Notice
April 14, 2011

The Proposed Co-location of Grades K-3 of KIPP S.T.A.R. Elementary Charter School (84M726) with Existing School P.S. 115 Alexander Humboldt (06M115) in Building M115

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

On March 3, 2011, the New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) proposed to open and site Kindergarten through third grades of KIPP S.T.A.R. Charter School (84M726, “KIPP S.T.A.R. Elementary”) in Building M115 (“M115”), located at 586 West 177th Street in Manhattan, in Community School District 6. KIPP S.T.A.R. Elementary would be co-located in M115 with an existing DOE zoned elementary school, P.S. 115 Alexander Humboldt (06M115, “P.S. 115”), serving grades Kindergarten through five. 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. The DOE has now published a revised EIS and revised BUP, which is described in detail in Section II below.

This revised notice also provides information about a joint public hearing that will take place regarding this proposal. The revised proposal will be subject to a vote by the Panel for Educational Policy (“PEP”). This revised notice also provides a new date and location for the PEP vote.

If this proposal were approved, KIPP S.T.A.R. Elementary would open in M115 with Kindergarten classes in 2011-2012, and add one grade each year until it serves approximately 400 students in Kindergarten through third grade at full scale.

KIPP S.T.A.R., managed by KIPP NYC, and authorized by SUNY, is an existing public charter school, chartered to serve students in Kindergarten through twelfth grade. It is currently serving students in grades five through ten, and is adding one high school grade each year as current students articulate. KIPP S.T.A.R.’s grades five through eight are currently located at 425 West 123rd Street in Community School District 5 and its high school grades are located in District 7. In a separate Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”), the DOE proposed to temporarily relocate those high school grades within the geographical confines of District 5 while KIPP NYC completes the construction of a new facility to house all its high school students. That proposal was approved by the PEP on March 23, 2011.

Although this proposal would site grades K-3 of KIPP S.T.A.R. in District 6, grades five through twelve of the school are currently or are expected to be sited in District 5. KIPP S.T.A.R. will apply to SUNY for approval of the District 6 location of the proposed site for elementary grades and thereby provide a preference for District 6 residents who apply to enroll at KIPP S.T.A.R. Elementary.

In addition, KIPP NYC is applying for a new charter which would permit the establishment of a KIPP school serving grades Kindergarten through eight in District 6. The DOE supports this application; however, this proposal to site grades K-3 of KIPP S.T.A.R. in M115 is not contingent on approval of the application for a new charter by SED.

If the new charter application is approved by SED, the DOE will propose in a separate EIS to site grades four through eight of this new school in building M090 located at 21 Jumel Place in Manhattan, in Community School District 6, beginning with fifth grade in 2012-2013. This would enable students who enroll in KIPP S.T.A.R. Elementary in District 6 to continue in a KIPP school in District 6 through eighth grade. Even if this proposal were not approved, there would be several years for the DOE to plan where the students enrolling in KIPP S.T.A.R. Elementary would articulate for fourth grade.

II. Identification of all revisions, including substantial revisions to the item.

The revised BUP, which is annexed to the revised EIS, makes the following changes:

- The proposed schedule for shared use of the library, indoor play area, and outdoor playground have been altered so that each school's use of those spaces is more closely aligned with its proportion of the total enrollment in the building;
- The DOE has clarified the rationale for the amount of time that each co-located school is allocated in the shared spaces under this proposal; and
- The formatting of the room allocation chart has been altered to make them easier to understand.

The EIS has been updated to reflect the changes to the BUP.

III. Summary of all public comment received to date.

1. Four commenters expressed support for the proposal, on the basis that KIPP S.T.A.R. elementary school would offer District 6 a new public school choice for the children.
2. Approximately 67 commenters asked the DOE to site Castle Bridge School in Building M115, where KIPP Elementary school is proposed to be sited.

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

The revised EIS and revised BUP can be found on the Department of Education's Web site: <http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2010-2011/May182011Proposals>.

Copies of the revised EIS and revised BUP are also available in the main office of P.S. 115 Alexander Humboldt.

V. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D06Proposals@schools.nyc.gov.

Oral comments can be left at 212-374-3466.

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

May 16, 2011 at 6:00 pm
P.S. 115 Alexander Humboldt
586 West 177 Street,
New York, NY 10033

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. Interpretation services will be provided in Spanish. To request interpretation services in another language, please contact Ms. Cheong at the e-mail address or telephone number above.

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

May 18, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.
Long Island City High School
14-30 Broadway, Queens, NY 11106