



Revised Notice
April 18, 2011

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Chancellor

The Proposed Extension and Expansion of the Co-location of Metropolitan Lighthouse Charter School (84X461) with P.S. 093 Albert G. Oliver (08X093) in Buildings X093/X893 through the 2012-2013 School Year

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

On February 15, 2011, the New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) issued an Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) describing a proposal to extend the duration and expand the scope of the co-location of Metropolitan Lighthouse Charter School (84X461, “Met LCS”), an existing elementary charter school located at 1535 Story Avenue, Bronx, NY 10473 in Community School District 8, in building X093 and minischool building X893 (“X093/X893”).

Met LCS currently serves students in kindergarten, first, and second grade and is co-located with P.S. 093 Albert G. Oliver (08X093, “P.S. 093”), an existing zoned elementary school, which currently serves students in kindergarten through fifth grade and offers four sections of pre-kindergarten. The original proposal was to extend the duration and expand the scope of the co-location of Met LCS and P.S. 093 so that Met LCS would serve grades K-3 in X093/X893 in 2011-2012 and K-4 in 2012-2013. 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.

While the essence of the proposal is unchanged, the DOE has made certain revisions. The DOE has now published a revised EIS and revised Building Utilization Plan (“BUP”), which is described in detail in Section II below.

This revised notice provides information about a joint public hearing that will take place regarding this revised 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.

The PEP approved the proposal to co-locate Met LCS’s kindergarten, first and second grades with P.S. 093 on February 24, 2010, and Met LCS opened in X093/X893 in August 2010. Under the proposal approved by the PEP, Met LCS was to be co-located with P.S. 093 for grades kindergarten, 1 and 2 only. Met LCS is working to secure space in a private facility. The private facility is anticipated to be ready prior to the 2013-2014 school year. Therefore, the DOE proposes that Met LCS remain in X093/X893 for an additional two years as it continues to phase in and adds a third grade in the 2011-2012 school year and a fourth grade in the 2012-2013

school year. This would mean that Met LCS would continue to be co-located with P.S. 093 and grow by one grade each year until it moves into private space prior to the 2013-2014 school year.

The Office of Space Planning reviewed X093/X893 in January 2011. Based on that office's evaluation, there is a sufficient number of rooms to permit P.S. 093 to continue operating at full organizational capacity and to accommodate Met LCS for two additional school years. Importantly, each school will continue to receive their respective baseline allocations of space.

Met LCS is chartered to serve grades kindergarten through five. The DOE recognizes that there is not sufficient space in X093 for Met LCS to grow to full scale based on its chartered enrollment plan. As discussed above, the DOE anticipates that Met LCS will move to its private facility prior to the 2013-2014 school year. Any proposal to extend the co-location of Met LCS with P.S. 093 beyond the 2012-2013 school year would be the subject of a subsequent EIS.

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

The revised EIS corrects typographical and formatting errors, clarifies the potential impact on programming offered by P.S. 93 and Met LCS, clarifies the availability of space within X093/X893, and includes information concerning the Chancellor's right to re-site Met LCS should zoned demand for P.S. 93 increase.

The revised BUP that is annexed to the EIS has been modified in the following manner:

- Charts summarizing the total number of rooms to be allocated to each school have been added;
- The proposed shared space schedule has been adjusted; and
- 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.

III. Summary of all public comment received to date.

A joint public hearing regarding the original proposal was held at X093 on March 24, 2011. At the hearing, interested parties had an opportunity to provide input on the proposal. Approximately 30 members of the public attended the hearing and 11 people spoke. Present at the meeting were: Community School District 8 Community Superintendent Timothy Behr; District 8 Community Education Council ("CEC") members Bob Franklin, Frank Dinardo, and Norma Cruz Mendez; P.S. 93 Principal and School Leadership Team ("SLT") representative Donald Mattson; Met LCS Principal Courtney Russell and Director of Instruction Danny Etcheverry.

The following comments and remarks were made at the joint public hearing:

1. Danny Etcheverry of Met LCS spoke in support of the proposal, citing the success of the current partnership between Met LCS and P.S. 93.
2. Principal Courtney Russell of Met LCS said she supported the proposal because it will allow Met LCS to serve new classes of students and to continue the positive relationship

between the two schools. Moreover, the proposal will not negatively impact P.S. 93 and Met LCS is in the process of securing private space for their school.

3. Principal Donald Mattson said that P.S. 93 has successfully shared space with two charter schools, including Met LCS. He shared a concern over potential growth in P.S. 93's kindergarten enrollment. Overall, however, he said the two schools have worked harmoniously to share space and believes that the relationship will continue to be satisfactory for the next year or two.
4. Multiple commenters said they supported the proposal, citing the growth of their students at Met LCS, the ability of charter schools to provide a quality education for their children, the dedication of the Met LCS faculty and staff, the positive relationship between Met LCS and P.S. 93, and the shared community that has been created in the building.

The DOE also received one written comment through its dedicated e-mail address.

5. District 8 Community Education Council President Bob Franklin expressed support for the proposed temporary extension of the co-location.

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

The revised EIS and revised BUP concerning the proposal 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 offices of P.S. 093 Albert G. Oliver and Metropolitan Lighthouse Charter School.

V. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D08Proposals@schools.nyc.gov.

Oral comments can be left at 212-374-5159.

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 11, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.
Metropolitan Lighthouse Charter School/ P.S. 093 Albert G. Oliver,
1535 Story Avenue,
Bronx, NY 10473

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 service in another language, please contact Mr. Orlansky 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