



Notice
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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.

Metropolitan Lighthouse Charter School (84X461, “Met LCS”) is 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. This is a proposal to extend the duration and expand the scope of the co-location of Met LCS and P.S. 093 so that Met LCS will 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.

The Panel for Educational Policy (“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 original 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 Department of Education (“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 Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”).

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

The Educational Impact Statement concerning the proposal can be found on the Department of Education's Web site: <http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2010-2011/Apr282011Proposals>

Copies of the EIS are also available in the main offices of P.S. 093 Albert G. Oliver and Metropolitan Lighthouse Charter School.

III. Submission of public comment.

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

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

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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Email: D08Proposals@schools.nyc.gov
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V. Date, time and place of joint public hearings for this proposal.

March 24, 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.

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.
P.S. 128 Juniper Valley
69-10 65th Drive,
Middle Village, NY 11379