



Notice
March 1, 2011

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Chancellor

The Proposed Re-siting and Co-Location of an Existing Public Charter School, Explore Charter School (84K704), with an Existing Middle School, M.S. 002 (17K002), and a District 75 School (75K141, “P141K@I002K”) in Building K002

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

The New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) is proposing to re-site and co-locate Explore Charter School (“Explore”), an existing public charter school currently located in Building K884 (“K884”) at 15 Snyder Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11226, in Community School District 17 and serving students in kindergarten through eighth grade, to Building K002 (“K002”), located at 655 Parkside Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11226, in Community School District 17. Explore would be co-located in K002 with M.S. 002 (17K002, “M.S. 002”), an existing DOE district middle school that serves students in sixth through eighth grade, and an existing District 75 school (75K141, “P141K@I002K”) that serves students in sixth through eighth grade. A “re-siting” means a school will be located in a different building than the building in which it is currently located. A “co-location” means that two or more school organizations are located in the same building and may share common spaces like auditoriums, gymnasiums, libraries, science demonstration labs, and cafeterias.

In 2002, Explore was approved by its authorizer, the State University of New York (“SUNY”) to open a new public charter school in District 17. Explore’s current location at K884 is in a DOE leased building, but Explore was not intended to remain there permanently. Explore is currently at scale and serves kindergarten through eighth grade students. Explore is seeking a permanent location in District 17 in order to continue serving District 17 students as intended. Explore will continue to provide a preference to District 17 students in its charter school lottery application process.

If the proposal to re-site Explore in K002 is approved, Explore would be co-located with M.S. 002 and P141K@I002K, in K002. In 2011-2012, the first year of the proposed co-location, all of Explore’s kindergarten through eighth grade students would be re-sited to K002.

M.S. 002 is an existing middle school that admits students through the District 17 middle school choice process and currently serves 402 students in sixth through eighth grades. M.S. 002 offers a zoned program and an academic screened program open to residents and students of District 17. The DOE does not anticipate that M.S. 002’s instructional programs, admissions process, or enrollment would be affected as a result of this proposal.

75K141 is a District 75 school that serves students who are Emotional Disturbed (ED), Multiple Handicapped (MH), Mentally Retarded (MR), and Autistic and offers an Inclusion program. 75K141 is sited at four locations throughout Brooklyn: P141K@I002K, located at 655 Parkside

Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11206; P141K@P380K, located at 370 Marcy Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11206; and P141K@P035K, located at 272 MacDonough Street, Brooklyn, NY 11233, and P141K@I071K located at 215 Heyward Street Brooklyn NY 11206.

If this proposal is approved, 75K141 will reorganize the ED and MR services provided at three of its sites: P141K@I002K, P141K@P380K and P141K@P035K. The fourth site, P141K@I071K will not be affected as a result of this proposal. This proposal will not reduce or eliminate any seats at 75K141, rather some students who may have been served at P141K@I002K may now be served at one of the other two sites, either P141K@P035K or P141K@P380K. All current and future 75K141 students will continue to receive all mandated services. Further details regarding the reorganization of the school is provided in Section III A of the Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”).

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

The Educational Impact Statement 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 are also available in the main offices of Explore, M.S. 002, and 75K141.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D17Proposals@schools.nyc.gov.

Oral comments can be left at 212-374-0208.

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.

To Be Determined	To Be Determined
Explore Charter School	M.S. 002 / P141K@I002
15 Snyder Avenue	655 Parkside Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11226	Brooklyn, NY 11226

Notice will be provided once the hearings have been scheduled. 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 Haitian Creole and Spanish. To request interpretation services in another language, please contact Mr. Taylor 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, at 6:00 p.m.
Brooklyn Technical High School

29 Fort Greene Place
Brooklyn, NY 11217