



Withdrawal Notice
March 3, 2011

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The Proposed Re-siting of Hostos-Lincoln Academy of Science (07X500) to Building X184 and Co-location with Jill Chaifetz Transfer High School (07X379), X754@Chaifetz (75X754), a District 75 School's Inclusion Program, Academy of Public Relations (07X298) and X017@X184 (75X017), a District 75 School

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

Hostos-Lincoln Academy of Science (07X500, "Hostos") is an existing early college secondary school serving students in grades 6-12. Hostos is located on the Hostos Community College campus in School Building X500 ("X500") at 475 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10451, in Community School District 7. Hostos is a collaboration between the Department of Education ("DOE") and City University of New York ("CUNY"). Students are expected to graduate with a Regents diploma granted by the DOE and an Associate Degree from Hostos Community College.

On January 31, the DOE issued an Educational Impact Statement ("EIS") describing a proposal to implement a "re-siting" of Hostos into Building X184 ("X184"), at 778 Forest Avenue, Bronx, NY 10456.

Under the proposal, beginning in the 2011-2012 school year, all Hostos students in grades 6-12 would have been served in the X184 building where the school would have been "co-located" with (1) Jill Chaifetz Transfer High School (07X379, "Chaifetz"), an existing transfer high school, (2) X754@Chaifetz (75X754, "X754@Chaifetz"), a District 75 ("D75") school's inclusion program, (3) Academy of Public Relations (07X298, "APR"), an existing district choice middle school, and (4) X017@X184 (75X017, "X017@X184"), an existing District 75 school. This proposal was made in response to the request by CUNY and Hostos Community College to move Hostos out of its space on the campus prior to the beginning of the 2011-2012 school year.

A "re-siting" means a school will be located in a different building than the building it is located in currently. A "co-location" means that two or more school organizations will be located in the same building and may share common spaces such as auditoriums, gymnasiums, and cafeterias.

After receiving community feedback, however, the DOE has determined to withdraw the proposal to re-site Hostos into Building X184. As a result of this withdrawal, the joint public hearings originally scheduled for March 3, 2011 (at Hostos) and March 8, 2011 (at X184) were cancelled, and the proposal will not be considered by the PEP at its meeting on March 23, 2011.

In a separate Educational Impact Statement also released on January 31, 2011, the DOE proposed to re-site the South Bronx Academy for Applied Media (07X296, “SBAAM”) from building X184 to building X162 prior to the beginning of 2011-2012 school year to accommodate Hostos in X184. That proposal is also being withdrawn, and will be addressed in a separate forthcoming notice.

A new re-siting proposal for Hostos will be released later in the week.

The DOE will continue to listen to community feedback as they consider how best to serve the students and families of Hostos and the District 7 community.

II. Summary of all public comment received to date.

The DOE has received two written comments regarding the proposed re-siting of Hostos to building X184.

- A commenter stated that the re-siting would disrupt the quality of academic instruction and raised safety concerns about having two high schools in building X184.
- A commenter stated that some Hostos students might not want to return to a building that they had attended for middle school.

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

The Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) concerning the re-siting and co-location of Hostos in X184 can be found on the Department of Education’s web site:

<http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2010-2011/Mar232011Proposals>.

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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