Amended Notice
March 8, 2011

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Chancellor

The Proposed Co-location of I.S. 355 (29Q355) and I.S. 356 (29Q356) with I.S. 231 Magnetech 2000 (29Q231) in School Building Q231

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

On December 17, 2010, the New York City Department of Education ("DOE") published an Educational Impact Statement ("EIS") proposing to site two new zoned middle schools, I.S. 355 (29Q355, "I.S. 355") and I.S. 356 (29Q356, "I.S. 356") in school building Q231 ("Q231"), located at 145-00 Springfield Boulevard, Springfield Gardens, NY 11413, in Community School District 29. If this proposal is approved, these two schools would be co-located with an existing middle school, I.S. 231 Magnetech 2000 (29Q231, "I.S. 231"). Q231 also houses an Alternative Learning Center (Q987, "ALC") that would remain in the building for the 2011-2012 school year. On January 25, 2011, the DOE published an amended EIS, which corrected typographical and formatting errors, clarified the methodology for calculating utilization rates, updated the projected enrollments of P.S, 355 and P.S. 356, and updated the plans for the siting of the ALC currently located in Q231, but which did not modify or revise the proposal itself.

A second amended notice was distributed on February 11, 2011 to advise you that the Panel for Educational Policy would vote on this proposal on March 1, 2011. That vote was later postponed.

A third amended notice was distributed on February 16, 2011 to advise you that an additional public hearing regarding this proposal was to be held on February 28, 2011.

This fourth amended notice is to advise you that an additional public hearing regarding this proposal will be held on March 15, 2011. This amended notice also updates the date on which the Panel for Educational Policy will vote on this proposal and the contact information for the city district representative knowledgeable on the proposal.

In an amended EIS also published on January 25, 2011, the DOE has proposed that I.S. 231 gradually phase out because of its low performance. I.S. 231 is currently a zoned middle school serving grades six through eight. If that proposal is approved, I.S. 231 would no longer admit sixth-grade students after the conclusion of the 2010-2011 school year. One grade would then be phased out at I.S. 231 each year. Students currently in grades six and seven would complete middle school at I.S. 231 while the phase-out plan is implemented. During the 2011-2012 school year, I.S. 231 would only serve students in grades seven and eight. In 2012-2013, I.S. 231 would serve only students in grade eight.

These two new zoned schools, I.S. 355 and I.S. 356, would admit students based on a campus choice model. This means that zoned students would be guaranteed a seat in at least one of the

two schools, but would be able to use a modified middle school choice process in order to rank the two schools in order of preference. I.S. 355 and I.S. 356 would be "co-located" with I.S. 231 as I.S. 231 phases out and would continue to be co-located with each other after the I.S. 231 phase-out is complete. The ALC would also be housed in Q231 for the 2011-2012 school year. 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. Once I.S. 355 and I.S. 356 have completed their expansions and I.S. 231 has completed its phase-out, there would be approximately 840-960 students served in the building.

In 2009-2010, Q231 had a target capacity to serve 1,226 students. I.S. 231 had a target organizational capacity to serve 1,134 students and enrolled 931 students, yielding a target organizational utilization rate for I.S. 231 of 82%, excluding the ALC. This means that the building was "underutilized" and had extra space to accommodate additional students.

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

The amended EIS can be found on the Department of Education's Web site:
http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2010-2011/Mar232011Proposals

A copy of the amended EIS is also available in the main office of I.S. 231.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D29Proposals@schools.nyc.gov.
Oral comments can be left at 212-374-7621.

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
Office: Division of Portfolio Planning
Address: 52 Chambers Street, New York, NY 10007
Email: D29Proposals@schools.nyc.gov
Phone: 212-374-7621

V. Date, time and place of joint public hearings for this proposal.

January 26, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.
I.S. 231 Magnetech 2000
145-00 Springfield Boulevard,
Springfield Gardens, NY 11413

February 28, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.
I.S. 231 Magnetech 2000
145-00 Springfield Boulevard,
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March 15, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.
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A transcript of the January 26, 2011 hearing is available at:
http://schools.nyc.gov/community/planning/changes/queens/IS231

A transcript of the February 28, 2011 hearing is forthcoming and will also available at the website above.

Questions about the proposal should be directed as indicated in section IV above.

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

March 23, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.
Brooklyn Technical High School, 29 Fort Greene Place, Brooklyn, NY 11217