



**Amended Notice**  
March 11, 2011

**Cathleen P. Black**  
*Chancellor*

## **The Proposed Temporary Expansion of the Co-location of Promise Academy II (84M341) with Existing School Choir Academy of Harlem (05M469) in Building M501**

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

The New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) is proposing to temporarily expand the grades served by Harlem Children’s Zone/Promise Academy II (84M341, “Promise Academy II”) in Building M501 (“M501”), located at 2005 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10035 in Community School District 5. Promise Academy II is an existing public charter school that currently serves 499 students in kindergarten through sixth grades in M501. This proposal is to allow Promise Academy II to temporarily expand to serve seventh and eighth grades in M501. Promise Academy II is co-located in M501 with Choir Academy of Harlem (05M469, “Choir Academy”), an existing DOE secondary school serving grades six through twelve, and an Alternative Learning Center (“ALC”), where students who are suspended from school attend in order to receive academic, social and emotional supports to prepare themselves for a return to the schools from which they were suspended. 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. This amended notice provides a more detailed summary of the proposal.

Choir Academy is a District 5 choice secondary school that gives preference to District 5 students and serves 331 students in sixth through twelfth grades.

Promise Academy II is an existing public charter school that currently serves 499 students in kindergarten through sixth grades at M501. The school’s charter anticipates that the school will expand by one grade each year, until it serves students in kindergarten through twelfth grade. The DOE previously granted permission for Promise Academy II to co-locate grades kindergarten through 6 in M501. This is a proposal to temporarily expand the grades served by Promise Academy II in M501. If this proposal were approved, in 2011-12 Promise Academy II would serve grades K through 7 in the building, and in 2012-13 would serve grades K through 8 in the building. In 2013-14 and all subsequent years, Promise Academy II would return to serving only students in grades K through 6 in M501.

Harlem Children’s Zone is in the process of building a new facility that will house Promise Academy I (84M284, “Promise Academy I”) grades K-12. This facility is expected to be ready for occupancy for the 2013-2014 school year. After Promise Academy I moves to this new facility, Promise Academy II would re-site its seventh and eighth grades to an existing private facility located at 35 E. 125th Street, New York, NY 10035 in Community School District 5 (“125th Street Building”); this facility currently houses six grades of Promise Academy I. Thus, in the 2013-2014 school year and continuing forward, Promise Academy II will serve its kindergarten through sixth grade students in the M501 building, and would grow to serve seventh through twelfth grades in the 125th Street Building. In a separate Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) also posted on February 4, 2011, the DOE is proposing to allow Promise Academy I to temporarily co-locate its 4th grade in M501 for the 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 school years while it completes construction of its new facility.

Promise Academy schools enroll kindergarten students through a lottery that gives preference to students residing in District 5. Specifics about the lottery preference criteria are detailed in Section III.C. (“Impact on Students”) of the EIS describing the Promise Academy II proposal.

Building M501 has the capacity to serve 1,252 students. In 2010-2011 the building only serves 910 students including the maximum enrollment at the ALC, yielding a utilization rate of just 73%. , If the two Promise Academy proposals were approved, in the 2011-2012 school year, the M501 building would serve approximately 1,045-1,190 students (assuming maximum attendance at the ALC), yielding an estimated utilization rate of 83-95%. In the 2012-2013 school year, there would be approximately 1,190-1,340 students served in the building by all three schools and the ALC, yielding an estimated utilization rate of 96%-108%.

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

The Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) can be found on the Department of Education’s Web site: <http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2010-2011/Mar232011Proposals>

Copies of the EIS are also available in the main offices of Promise Academy I, Choir Academy of Harlem, and Promise Academy II.

## **III. Submission of public comment.**

Written comments can be sent to [D05Proposals@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:D05Proposals@schools.nyc.gov).  
Oral comments can be left at 212-374-3466.

## **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 hearing for this proposal.**

March 21, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.  
Choir Academy of Harlem / HCZ Promise Academy II  
2005 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10035

Questions about the proposal should 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. To request interpretation services, 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.**

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