Amended Notice
March 15, 2011

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Chancellor

The Proposed Temporary Co-Location of a New Public Charter School, Invictus Preparatory Charter School, with J.H.S. 218 James P. Sinnott (19K218) and The School for Classics: An Academy of Thinkers, Writers, and Performers (19K683) in School Building K218

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

On January 31, 2011, the New York City Department of Education ("DOE") published an Educational Impact Statement ("EIS") proposing to site Invictus Preparatory Charter School ("Invictus Prep"), a new public charter school that would serve up to 602 students in fifth through eighth grade, in Building 218 ("K218"), located at 370 Fountain Avenue, Brooklyn, NY, 11208, in Community School District 19. Invictus Prep would be co-located in K218 with an existing DOE zoned middle school that serves sixth through eighth grade, J.H.S. 218 James P. Sinnott (19K218, "J.H.S. 218"), and an existing DOE high school that currently serves ninth through eleventh grades, the School for Classics: An Academy of Thinkers, Writers, and Performers (19K683, "The School for Classics") and is in the process of phasing in twelfth grade. K218 also houses a Community Based Organization (CBO), Beacon, which provides after-school programs to students. J.H.S. 218 enrolls students through the District 19 Middle School Choice Process. It has a zoned program and a screened application program open to students and residents of District 19. The School for Classics enrolls students through the citywide high school admissions process, and it will complete its phase-in in 2011-2012. Invictus Prep would be a new charter school that would temporarily serve fifth through eighth grade students in K218. 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 DOE has now published an amended EIS which removes two erroneous references to incorrect enrollment figures for Invictus Prep and correctly notes that Invictus Prep will serve up to 351 students in fifth through eighth grade at full scale.

This is a proposal to incubate Invictus Prep in K218 for four years – the 2011-2012, 2012-2013, 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 school years. The DOE will evaluate the space available in K218 and other District 19 locations and will issue a new Educational Impact Statement ("EIS") for the long-term siting of Invictus based on the most appropriate space available for the 2015-2016 school year and beyond.

Invictus Prep has been approved by its charter authorizer, the State University of New York's Charter School Institute ("SUNY Charter School Institute"), to open a new public charter school in Community School District 19 in Brooklyn. SUNY Charter School Institute approved Invictus Prep's proposal to open with fifth grade classes in 2011-2012 and to add one grade each year until it serves up to 351 students in fifth through eighth grade. Invictus Prep will provide a preference to District 19 students in its charter school lottery application process.

If this temporary proposal is approved, in 2011-2012, the first year of the proposed co-location, Invictus Prep will enroll approximately 90 students in fifth grade. In 2012-2013, Invictus Prep would expand to serve approximately 90 students in sixth grade. In 2013-2014, Invictus Prep would expand to serve approximately 90 students in seventh grade. In 2014-2015, Invictus Prep would achieve full scale and expand to serve approximately 81 students in eighth grade for a total of 351 students.

K218 has been identified as an under-utilized building, meaning it currently has at least 300 seats available. In 2009-2010, the building served 802 students and had a capacity to serve 1,405 students, yielding a target building utilization of 57% . In 2010-11, J.H.S. 218 and the School for the Classics enrolled a combined total of 837 students, which yields an estimated utilization rate of 60% . In 2014-15, when Invictus Prep completes its expansion and achieves full scale, K218 would serve approximately 1326-1406 students, which yields an estimated utilization rate of 100%.

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/Mar232011Proposals

Copies of the EIS are also available in the main offices of J.H.S. 218 and the School for Classics.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D19Proposals@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.

The joint public hearing on this proposal was held on the below date. The transcript of this hearing is available at the following link:

http://schools.nyc.gov/community/planning/changes/brooklyn/Invictus

March 8, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.
J.H.S. 218 / School for Classics
370 Fountain Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11208

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