Notice
January 21, 2011

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Chancellor

The Proposed Co-location of Girls Preparatory Charter School (84M330) with East Side Community School (01M450) in Building M060

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

Girls Preparatory Charter School (84M330, "Girls Prep") is an existing public charter school serving girls in Kindergarten through sixth grade. The school is expanding to serve seventh grade in 2011-2012 and eighth grade in 2012-2013. Currently, grades Kindergarten through four are located at 442 East Houston Street, New York, NY, 10002, in Community School District 1, in Building M188 ("M188"). Fifth and sixth grades are currently located in privately leased space at 51 Astor Place, New York, NY 10003, which is also located in Community School District 1. Girls Prep is authorized by SUNY Charter Schools Institute. Girls Prep enrolls only female students. It admits students by lottery, and gives preference to students residing in Community School District 1.

This is a proposal to relocate Girls Prep middle school grades five through eight to building M060, located at 420-1 East 11th Street, New York, NY 10009 in Community School District 1. In M060, Girls Prep would co-locate with East Side Community School, (01M450, "East Side Community") an existing District 1 choice secondary school serving grades six through twelve. 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.

As background to this proposal, on February 24, 2010, the Panel for Educational Policy approved a proposal for Girls Prep to expand the grades served to include middle school grades 6-8 in M188. A lawsuit prevented the implementation of this proposal, and Girls Prep middle school grades five and six were instead relocated to private space for 2010-2011. The lease on this space expires on June 30, 2011, and the building is slated for demolition.

Building M060 currently houses two schools. In 2009-2010, building M060 had a target capacity of 1,036 students, and a utilization rate of 94% of target capacity. East Side Community currently enrolls 599 students in sixth through twelfth grade. Ross Global Charter School (84M355, "Ross Global"), a DOE-authorized charter school, is also currently co-located in M060, with an enrollment of 396 students in Kindergarten through eighth grade. Thus, total current enrollment in M060 is 995 students, which would yield a utilization of 96%. Ross Global's current charter expires on June 30, 2011, and its application for a renewal of its charter beyond that date has been denied. Ross Global is scheduled to close at the end of the 2010-2011 school year, meaning that M060 would become under-utilized starting with the 2011-2012

school year. The DOE is proposing to site Girls Prep middle school grades in this newly available District 1 space in order to maintain access to a high quality K-8 school for female students in District 1.

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 both Girls Preparatory Charter School and East Side Community School.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D01Proposals@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.

Name: Gentian Falstrom
Office: Division of Portfolio Planning
Address: 52 Chambers Street, New York, NY 10007
Email: D01Proposals@schools.nyc.gov
Phone: 212-374-3466

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

To Be Determined
6:00 p.m.
Girls Preparatory Charter School
442 East Houston Street,
New York, NY 10002

To Be Determined
6:00 p.m.
East Side Community School
420-1 East 11 Street,
New York, NY 10009

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

Further notice will be provided once the hearing date has been scheduled. Speaker sign-up will begin 30 minutes before the hearing and will close 15 minutes after the start. Interpretation services will be provided in Spanish. To request interpretation services in another language, please contact Ms. Falstrom 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