



**Notice**  
January 21, 2011

**Cathleen P. Black**  
*Chancellor*

## **The Proposed Co-location of New High School 02M507 with the High School of Graphic Communication Arts (02M625) and the Business of Sports School (02M393) in School Building M625**

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

The New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) is proposing to co-locate a new DOE high school, 02M507 (“02M507”), in school building M625 (“M625”), located at 439 West 49<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY 10019, within the geographical confines of District 2 (“District 2”). If this proposal is approved, 02M507 would be co-located in building M625 with two existing high schools: the High School of Graphic Communication Arts (02M625) and the Business of Sports School (02M393), a school currently serving students in grades 9 and 10, which will reach full scale in 2012-2013 serving students in grades 9-12. In addition, M625 houses an Alternative Learning Center (“ALC”, 88M992). 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.

In the 2009-2010 school year, building M625 had a target capacity to serve 1,939 students, and the building enrolled 1,957 students, yielding a target building utilization rate of 101%. In 2010-2011, building M625 has an enrollment of 1948 students, yielding a utilization rate of 100% of target capacity. The slight decrease in building enrollment is attributed to the recent downsizing of the High School of Graphic Communication Arts. Over the last two years, the DOE has worked closely with the principal to reduce the number of incoming ninth-graders at that school by eliminating the Printing program, which struggled to attract and enroll new students. As a result, the High School of Graphic Communication Arts enrolled 1,660 students in 2010-2011, compared to 1,774 students in 2009-2010. The DOE will continue to downsize the High School of Graphic Communication Arts over the course of 4 years by shrinking its enrollment by approximately 660-760 students, so that the school eventually serves 900-1,000 students in grades 9-12.

If this co-location proposal is approved, 02M507 would gradually phase into M625 while the High School of Graphic Communication Arts simultaneously scales back its enrollment, and the Business of Sports School continues its phase in. The new school, 02M507, would serve students in grade 9 in 2011-2012 and would add one grade level every year until the school reaches its full grade span of 9-12 in the 2014-2015 school year, serving approximately 400-450 students. The new school would be open to students through the Citywide High School Admissions Process, and would have a Limited Unscreened selection method. Limited Unscreened schools give admissions priority to students who demonstrate interest in the school by attending an Information Session, Open House events, or visiting the school's exhibit at any

one of the High School Fairs. In addition, the school plans to offer Career and Technical Education programs in Information Technology.

The M625 building will have adequate capacity to accommodate the new high school, the ALC, and the existing schools in the building at full operational capacity. Once 02M507 completes its phase in, the building would serve approximately 1,780-1980 students in 2014-2015, yielding an approximate utilization rate of 102%.

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

The Educational Impact Statement describing this proposal 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 High School of Graphic Communication Arts and the Business of Sports School.

**III. Submission of public comment.**

Written comments can be sent to [HS.Proposals@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:HS.Proposals@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 2, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.  
High School of Graphic Communication Arts / Business of Sports School  
439 West 49<sup>th</sup> Street,  
New York, NY 10019

Questions about the proposal can 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. 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