



Notice
January 31, 2011

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Chancellor

The Proposed Opening of a New Middle School (05MTBD) and Co-Location with Existing Schools I.S. 195 (05M195) and KIPP Infinity Charter School (84M336) in Building M195

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

The New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) is proposing to open a new District middle school I.S. TBD (05M514, “New School”) serving grades six through eight in Building M195, located at 625 West 133rd Street, New York, NY 10027 in Community School District 5. This new middle school would be co-located in M195 with an existing District choice middle school, I.S.195 Roberto Clemente (05M195, “I.S. 195”) and KIPP Infinity Charter School (84M336, “KIPP Infinity”), an existing public charter school currently serving Kindergarten and grades five through eight. In addition, in a separate Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) also posted on January 31, 2011, the DOE is proposing the temporary co-location of KIPP High School grades in M195 for the 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 school years. 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 a separate EIS published on December 18, 2010, the DOE proposed to gradually phase out and eventually close I.S. 195 because of its low performance and inability to turn around quickly to better support student needs. This new middle school is proposed to replace I.S. 195 and provide a high quality option to middle school students in District 5.

I.S. 195 admits students in sixth grade through the District 5 Middle School Choice application process, and is a district choice middle school. The school currently enrolls 398 students. If the proposal to phase-out I.S. 195 were approved, I.S. 195 would no longer admit sixth-grade students after the conclusion of the 2010-2011 school year. One grade would then be phased out per year. During the 2011-2012 school year, I.S. 195 would serve students in grades seven and eight. In 2012-2013, I.S. 195 would serve students in eighth grade only. The school would close after June 2013.

The New School would open in September 2011 with sixth grade, and add one grade per year until it serves sixth through eighth grades. New School would offer up to three sections per grade of General Education/Collaborative Team Teaching (“CTT”) classes, Special Classes (also called self-contained special education classes, “SC”), and a special education program to serve students who are cognitively impaired. Admission to New School would be through the District 5 Middle School Choice process. New School would be a Limited Unscreened school, meaning

students who express interest by attending an information session at the school or speaking to school representatives at a middle school fair would receive admission preference. Total enrollment at the new school would be approximately 300-375 students at full scale.

If the proposals affecting M195 are each approved, in 2011-12 New School would be co-located with KIPP Infinity, I.S. 195 as that school phases out, and KIPP High School.

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 I.S. 195 and KIPP Infinity Charter School.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D05Proposals@schools.nyc.gov or mailed to the address below.

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: D05Proposals@schools.nyc.gov
Phone: 212-374-3466

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

March 3, 2011
6:00 p.m.
I.S. 195 / KIPP Infinity Charter School
625 West 133rd Street
New York, NY 10027

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. 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