



Notice
February 5, 2011

The Proposed Co-Location of a New DOE District School, New American Academy 2 (22K144), with Existing School J.H.S. 278 Marine Park (22K278) in School Building K278

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

The New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) is proposing to site New American Academy 2 (22K144, or “NAA2”), a new DOE district public school that would serve students in kindergarten through fifth grade at scale, in building K278 (“K278”), located at 1925 Stuart Street, Brooklyn, NY 11229, in Community School District 22. NAA2 would be co-located in K278 with J.H.S. 278 Marine Park (22K278, “J.H.S. 278”), an existing DOE district middle school that serves sixth through eighth grade. A “co-location” means that two or more school organizations are located in the same building and may share common spaces like auditoriums, gymnasiums, libraries, and cafeterias.

NAA2 would be a new DOE district public school open to all residents of District 22. The proposed co-location of NAA2 in K278 is intended to provide families with a diverse, high-quality DOE district elementary school in District 22. NAA2 would be second DOE school in the City to implement the New American Academy Model, developed by Shimon Waronker. The New American Academy is a new school model designed to improve student academic and personal achievement through structures designed to prevent isolation among teachers and students. The first New American Academy opened in September 2010 in District 17. If this proposal is approved, NAA2 would open in 2011-2012 school year with a kindergarten class and would subsequently add one grade per year until it reaches full-scale to serve students in kindergarten through fifth grade. Pending funding availability, NAA2 would also offer one section of pre-kindergarten of 18 students.

If this proposal to site NAA2 in K278 is approved, NAA2 would be co-located with J.H.S. 278. In 2011-2012, the first year of the proposed co-location, NAA2 would enroll approximately 45-50 students in kindergarten. In 2012-2013, NAA2 would expand to serve first grade for a total enrollment of 95-105 students. In 2013-2014, NAA2 would expand to serve second grade for a total enrollment of 145-160 students. In 2014-2015, NAA2 would expand to serve third grade for a total enrollment of 195-215 students. In 2015-2016, NAA2 would expand to serve fourth grade for a total enrollment of 245-270 students. In 2016-2017, NAA2 would achieve full scale and serve approximately 295-325 students in kindergarten through fifth grade.

J.H.S. 278 is an existing zoned middle school that admits students through the District 22 middle school choice process and currently serves 992 students in sixth through eighth grades. J.H.S 278 offers a zoned program and academic screened programs.

K278 has been identified as an under-utilized building, and currently has at least 300 seats available. In 2009-2010, the most recent year for which audited building data is available, K278 had a target capacity to serve 1,309 students, and the building enrolled 954 students, yielding a target building utilization of 73 %. In 2010-11, K278 only served 992 students, which yields an estimated utilization rate of 76 %. In 2016-2017, when NAA2 completes its expansion and achieves full scale, K278 would serve approximately 1,255 - 1,315 kindergarten through fifth grade students and 18 pre-kindergarten students (pending funding allocation), which yields an estimated utilization rate of 101 %.

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 office of J.H.S. 278 Marine Park.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D22Proposals@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 hearing for this proposal.

March 14, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.
J.H.S. 278 Marine Park
1925 Stuart Street,
Brooklyn, NY 11229

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. 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