



Notice
February 5, 2011

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Chancellor

The Proposed Temporary Expansion of the Co-location of Promise Academy II (84M341) with Existing School Choir Academy of Harlem (05M469) in Building M501

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

The New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) is proposing to temporarily re-site the fourth grade of Harlem Children’s Zone/Promise Academy I (84M284, “Promise Academy I”), an existing public charter school that serves 899 students in kindergarten through seventh grades and tenth and eleventh grades, from private, non-DOE space at 35 E. 125th Street, New York, NY 10035 in Community School District 5 (“125th Street Building”), to Building M501 (“M501”), located at 2005 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10035 in Community School District 5. Promise Academy I fourth graders would be co-located in M501 with Choir Academy of Harlem (05M469, “Choir Academy”), an existing DOE secondary school serving grades six through twelve, Harlem Children’s Zone/Promise Academy II (84M341, “Promise Academy II”), an existing public charter school that currently serves kindergarten through sixth grade, and an Alternative Learning Center (“ALC”), where students who are suspended from school attend in order to receive academic, social and emotional supports to prepare themselves for a return to the school from which they were suspended.

Choir Academy is a District 5 choice secondary school that serves 331 students in sixth through twelfth grades. Promise Academy II is an existing public charter school that currently serves 499 students in kindergarten through sixth grades at M501. The school’s charter provides for an expansion to serve kindergarten through twelfth grade. As a result, Promise Academy II will grow to serve seventh grade during the 2011-2012 school year and eighth grade during the 2012-2013 school year. In a separate Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) also posted on February 5, 2011, the DOE is proposing to allow Promise Academy II to temporarily co-locate its seventh grade in M501 for 2011-2012, and its seventh and eighth grades in M501 for 2012-2013.

Promise Academy I is currently split-sited in two buildings, with its kindergarten through third grades located in building M175, located at 175 West 134th Street in Community School District 5, and its grades four through seven and ten and eleven in the 125th Street Building. Current enrollment is 899 students. Promise Academy I must expand to serve students in grade eight next year, in order to accommodate its articulating seventh graders. There is not sufficient space in the 125th Street Building to serve grades four through eight and eleven and twelve in 2011-2012. Co-locating the Promise Academy I fourth grade with Promise Academy II would minimize the disruption for Promise Academy I students by placing them with a similar school program and environment, and with the same age children.

Harlem Children’s Zone is in the process of building a new facility that will house Promise Academy I grades K-12. This facility is expected to be ready for occupancy for the 2013-2014 school year. The co-location of Promise Academy I fourth graders in M501 would thus be for only two years, until the new facility is ready. If this proposal were approved, Promise Academy I fourth-grade students would be re-sited to M501 for the 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 school years. In 2011-2012, Promise Academy I would serve approximately 80-85 students in M501, and approximately 95-100 students in 2012-2013 due to the larger cohort of students articulating to fourth

grade in that year. In 2013-2014, Promise Academy I will move all grades (kindergarten through nine and twelve) into the new facility. If the new facility is ready sooner, this proposed co-location would end sooner.

After Promise Academy I moves out of the 125th Street Building, Promise Academy II would relocate its seventh and eighth grades to the 125th Street Building. Thus, in the 2013-2014 school year and continuing forward, Promise Academy II will serve its kindergarten through sixth grade students in the M501 building, and would grow to serve seventh through twelfth grades in the 125th Street Building.

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 Promise Academy I, Choir Academy of Harlem, and Promise Academy II.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D05Proposals@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 21, 2011 6:00 p.m.
Choir Academy of Harlem / HCZ Promise Academy II
2005 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10035

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. 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