



**Notice**  
December 17, 2010

**Joel I. Klein**  
*Chancellor*

## **The Proposed Co-location of I.S. 355 (29Q355) and I.S. 356 (29Q356) with I.S. 231 Magnetech 2000 (29Q231) in School Building Q231**

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

The New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) proposes to site two new zoned middle schools, I.S. 355 (29Q355, “I.S. 355”) and I.S. 356 (29Q356, “I.S. 356”) in school building Q231 (“Q231”), located at 145-00 Springfield Boulevard, Springfield Gardens, NY 11413 in Community School District 29. If this proposal is approved, these two schools would be co-located with an existing middle school, I.S. 231 Magnetech 2000 (29Q231, “I.S. 231”). Q231 also houses an Alternative Learning Center (Q987, “ALC”) that would remain in the building and be co-located with the new schools.

In a separate Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) also published on December 17, 2010, the DOE has proposed that I.S. 231 gradually phase out because of its low performance. I.S. 231 is currently a zoned middle school serving grades six through eight. If that proposal is approved, I.S. 231 would no longer admit sixth-grade students after the conclusion of the 2010-2011 school year. One grade would then be phased out at I.S. 231 each year. Students currently in grades six and seven would complete middle school at I.S. 231 while the phase-out plan is implemented. During the 2011-2012 school year, I.S. 231 would only serve students in grades seven and eight. In 2012-2013, I.S. 231 would serve only students in grade eight.

These two new zoned schools, I.S. 355 and I.S. 356, would admit students based on a campus choice model. This means that zoned students would be guaranteed a seat in at least one of the two schools, but would be able to use a modified middle school choice process in order to rank the two schools in order of preference. I.S. 355, I.S. 356 and the ALC would be “co-located” with I.S. 231 as I.S. 231 phases out and would continue to be co-located with each other after the I.S. 231 phase-out is complete. 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. Once I.S. 355 and I.S. 356 have completed their expansions and I.S. 231 has completed its phase-out, there would be approximately 970-990 students served in the building, including the ALC enrolled at maximum capacity.

In 2009-2010, Q231 had a target capacity to serve 1,226 students. I.S. 231 had a target organizational capacity to serve 1,134 students and enrolled 931 students, yielding a target

organizational utilization rate for I.S. 231 of 82%, excluding the ALC. This means that the building was “underutilized” and had extra space to accommodate additional students.

## **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/Feb12011Proposals>

A copy of the EIS is also available in the main office of I.S. 231.

## **III. Submission of public comment.**

Written comments can be sent to [D29Proposals@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:D29Proposals@schools.nyc.gov).

Oral comments can be left at 212-374-7621.

## **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 hearings for this proposal.**

January 26, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.  
I.S. 231 Magnetech 2000  
145-00 Springfield Boulevard,  
Springfield Gardens, NY 11413

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 Haitian Creole. 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.**

February 1, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.  
Brooklyn Technical High School  
29 Fort Greene Place  
Brooklyn, NY 11217