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**NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF  
EDUATION - DIVISION OF  
PORTFOLIO PLANNING**  
**Re-siting of Brooklyn Latin to K049**

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2 MS SARA KAUFMAN: [background noise] My name  
3 is - - and we're going to get started.  
4 [background noise] Good evening - - ladies and  
5 gentlemen and thank you so much for being here  
6 this evening. This is a joint public hearing  
7 for the Department of Education, the Community  
8 Education Council and the School Leadership  
9 Teams of the Brooklyn Latin School, P.S. 147 and  
10 the Young Women's Leadership School. This  
11 hearing tonight is being held for the following  
12 two proposals. This first proposal is the  
13 proposed re-siting and Co-location of the  
14 Brooklyn Latin School, 14K449 that's located in  
15 building K049 with existing schools, The Green  
16 School: An Academy for Environmental Careers,  
17 The Lyons Community School beginning in 2013-  
18 2014 school year. The second proposal that we  
19 are - - for tonight is the proposal citing the  
20 co-location of the Young Women's Leadership  
21 School in 14K614 in building K147 with existing  
22 school P.S. 147 beginning in 2013-2014. My name  
23 is Sara Kaufman and I am going to be the  
24 Chancellor's Designee for the hearing this  
25 evening. We have asked the District 14

1 Community Education Council and the School  
2 Leadership Teams of the Brooklyn Latin School,  
3 the Young Women's Leadership School and P.S. 147  
4 to participate in this joint public hearing. I  
5 am joined by - - by Jason Griffiths, the  
6 Principal of the Brooklyn Latin School, Talana  
7 Bradley, Principal of the Young Women's  
8 Leadership School, and Sandra Noyola, - - of  
9 P.S. 147. We have asked the CEC Board Team to  
10 participate in the public hearing tonight - -  
11 they were - - . We are also - - tonight from -  
12 - but we just want to recognize hearing - -  
13 Leadership Team from the P.S. 147 School  
14 Leadership Team and - - and from the Young  
15 Women's School Leadership Team, Maggie - - , I  
16 hope I did not mispronounce it and - - . Thank  
17 you for being here. This hearing is being  
18 recorded tonight. And - - the purpose of this  
19 hearing is for you to provide comments about two  
20 proposals, the - - proposed to re-site and co-  
21 locate the Brooklyn Latin School in building  
22 K049 and also to re-site and co-locate the Young  
23 Women's Leadership School in building K147.  
24 Before I describe these proposals, I want to  
25 make sure that everyone here is aware of an

1 opportunity to provide - - to provide input.  
2 All of those who wish to speak must sign up in  
3 the speaker sign-up area located just outside  
4 the auditorium. The sign up list will close at  
5 6:15. Speakers will be given the floor in the  
6 order they signed up and all comments will be  
7 limited to two minutes. Please specify which  
8 proposal your comment is directed before you - -  
9 to comment. There may be elected officials who  
10 arrive at different times throughout this  
11 evening. If they wish to speak, we will do our  
12 best to accommodate them at the first opportune  
13 moment. Those who are here at the start of the  
14 public comment segment will be asked to speak  
15 first. In addition, to give - - to the comments  
16 tonight we will welcome any comment and feedback  
17 you have at any time - - our educational policy  
18 before the vote on both proposals at the  
19 December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012 meeting. The December 20<sup>th</sup>  
20 Panel meeting will take place at 6:00 p.m. at  
21 The High School of Fashion Industries located at  
22 225 West 24<sup>th</sup> Street, in Manhattan. The email  
23 address and phone number where comments may be  
24 made is [D14Proposals@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:D14Proposals@schools.nyc.gov) and the  
25 phone number where we will solicit feedback is

1 212-374-0208. All comments made at today's  
2 hearing and through the DOE's dedicated phone  
3 number and email address for this proposal will  
4 be discussed in the Analysis of Public Comment  
5 that the DOE will publish at the - - on our  
6 website and provide the Panel before the Panel  
7 votes on the proposal. I am going to present  
8 both proposals consecutively, and then we will  
9 open up the speaker list to comment on either  
10 proposal. I am first going to present the  
11 proposed re-siting and co-location of the Young  
12 Women's Leadership School to building K147.  
13 Building K049, located at 223 Graham Avenue,  
14 Brooklyn, in Brooklyn's Community School  
15 District 14, currently houses three schools:  
16 The Young Women's Leadership School, Lyons  
17 Community School and the Green School. Building  
18 K147 is located near 325 Bushwick Avenue in  
19 Brooklyn, Community School District 14,  
20 currently houses two schools; P.S. 147 and the  
21 Brooklyn Latin School. The Department of  
22 Education is proposing to re-site and co-locate  
23 the Young Women's Leadership School with P.S.  
24 147 into building K147 beginning in 2013-2014  
25 school year. If this proposal is approved,

1 starting in 2013–2014, students enrolled in  
2 P.S. 147 in building K147 will share space with  
3 the Young Women’s Leadership School, but not the  
4 Brooklyn Latin School. Current students at the  
5 Young Women’s Leadership School will have the  
6 right to continue to attend school at the new  
7 location in building K147. In addition, current  
8 students at P.S. 147 will continue to have the  
9 right to attend school here in this building.  
10 The proposal is not expected to impact the  
11 admissions, enrollment or educational options of  
12 the students currently attending the Young  
13 Women’s Leadership School or P.S. 147. I will  
14 now present on the proposed re-siting and co-  
15 location of the Brooklyn Latin School to  
16 building K049. The DOE is proposing to re-site  
17 and co-locate the Brooklyn Latin School with  
18 Lyons Community School and the Green School in  
19 building K049. If this proposal is approved,  
20 starting in 2013-2014 students enrolled in the  
21 Green School and Lyons Community School in  
22 building K049 will share a space with the  
23 Brooklyn Latin School but not the Young Women’s  
24 Leadership School. Current students at the  
25 Brooklyn Latin School will also have the right

1 to continue to attend their school at the new  
2 location, building K049. In addition, to - -  
3 School and Latin Community School will have the  
4 right to continue to attend their school in  
5 K049. This proposal is not expected to impact  
6 the admissions, enrollment or educational  
7 options of students currently attending The  
8 Brooklyn Latin School, Green School, or the  
9 Lyons Community School. So, that concludes the  
10 formal presentation of the proposed - -  
11 proposals. Now we will now hear the  
12 presentations from the School Leadership Teams  
13 of Brooklyn Latin and - - and P.S. 147. And  
14 as the CEC is still not here we will start with  
15 - - the Principal of Brooklyn Latin.

16 MALE VOICE 1: Good evening. We started  
17 Brooklyn Latin School, was founded in 2006 with  
18 60 students and we currently have 510 students  
19 in grades 9-12. We agreed to - - common  
20 classroom preparing our students to go right  
21 into college or university - - four year  
22 colleges - - classes. - - we're looking  
23 forward - - re-siting - - our students to - - .  
24 Then - - high school experience from which they  
25 have a hard time - - current space. The second

1 is an opportunity to fulfill their creativity  
2 - - and service requirements with IV program for  
3 an International Baccalaureate on - - school  
4 about 37 percent of our - - and one reason - -  
5 students from - - have the opportunity to  
6 complete and - - will help with that. And  
7 finally, we are - - with other specialized day  
8 schools for college admissions and certainly  
9 there extracurricular resume is often an early  
10 reason for, - - because something - - . So, we  
11 really - - which was - - right now. We believe  
12 we will still - - the move will be added  
13 facilities, - - extend - - program, which is - -  
14 .

15 MS. SANDRA NOYOLA: Good evening, everyone.  
16 My name is Sandra Noyola and I'm the principal  
17 of Public School 147. I will want to go on the  
18 record as saying that I have - - here. I am - -  
19 President, - - not here. I am - - Chairperson,  
20 James Talbot [phonetic] and the SOC [phonetic]  
21 Chairperson, - - Fogel [phonetic], in addition  
22 to - - members of the - - teachers and parents -  
23 - who are with us tonight. And also, we have  
24 our Deputy - - to support us. So, I just want  
25 to be brief and say that - - our proposal, that

1 we were very pleased with the plan that we were  
2 being matched - - school that really would  
3 enhance our school community by offering our  
4 female students a creative space to - - for our  
5 girls. We are currently - - P.S. 147 have boys  
6 and girls pre-K to 5<sup>th</sup> grade school. So, we are  
7 excited for our house - - looking forward to  
8 that - - who wants to come next school year.  
9 We're excited about this transition as a school  
10 P.S. 147 - - have plans - -. We encourage to -  
11 - to a - - school. So, we have intentions on  
12 both schools well and - - working with the  
13 Principal's of both schools - -. So, we are  
14 very excited about this proposal and - -.  
15 [background noise]

16 MS. TALANA BRADLEY: Good evening,  
17 everybody. I'm Talana Bradley. I'm Principal  
18 of the Young Women's Leadership School in  
19 Brooklyn. And we too are very excited at the  
20 prospect of moving into this building and  
21 existing, the P.S. 147. When we opened as a  
22 school in 2008 it was our preference to, if not  
23 have a stand alone facility to be housed with an  
24 elementary school because of the opportunities  
25 that it affords us to - - to demonstrate

1 leadership. And also, as an all girls' school  
2 it just works out better if they're around, if  
3 it needs to be a co-ed environment that they  
4 kids are younger versus the same age. And we  
5 know there's a challenge, an increasing  
6 challenge with that as our students grow older.  
7 Currently we have grades 6-10. And so, both our  
8 students and the students at the Lyons Community  
9 School and the Green School are very happy to be  
10 together right now. So, they'll probably miss  
11 that but we see the relationships that were  
12 formed here with the elementary school and with  
13 the community being far greater than that which  
14 we're able to provide right now for our  
15 students. [background noise]

16 MS. KAUFMAN: Thank you very much. My  
17 apologies to to those - - away - - the  
18 opportunity to thank for also being here.  
19 Again, the CEC is not here. We will definitely  
20 do a formal presentation by the CEC - - . We  
21 will advise the CEC of your comments here - - we  
22 will open it up for your comments. Our speakers  
23 will be taking the floor in the order that they  
24 signed up and their comments will be limited to  
25 two minutes. I will be - - . We appreciate if

1 you could comment on the stated proposal on -  
2 - prior comments. Our first speaker is going to  
3 be - - Lloyd and - - . And the second speaker  
4 is - - . [background noise].

5 FEMALE VOICE 1: Good evening, everyone.  
6 I'm very excited about the - - everything - - .  
7 When the school proposal.

8 FEMALE VOICE 2: I'm very excited about the  
9 school's - - until - - 'til 6<sup>th</sup> grade - - the  
10 community and also - - . We have the - - to - -  
11 . Thank you.

12 FEMALE VOICE 3: Hi, I'm - - .

13 MS. KAUFMAN: Sorry, can you - - ?

14 FEMALE VOICE 3: Huh?

15 MS. KAUFMAN: Can you - - ?

16 FEMALE VOICE 3: - - .

17 MS. KAUFMAN: Thank you. Our next speaker  
18 is - - final speaker is - - .

19 MALE VOICE 2: I'm commenting on the - -  
20 school to K047. I am - - that - - for - - the  
21 school that's been here for - - I don't know, a  
22 hundred years, so - - this neighborhood. It's a  
23 neighborhood school. It's a well known school.  
24 It was - - staff makes that possible. And we -  
25 - . We - - the Young Women's Leadership School

1 to - - share it. - - for your children, your  
2 students, have the - - to be able to attend the  
3 - - community in the same and we - - . And - -  
4 because the school - - to - - students in the  
5 school. [background noise]

6 MS. KAUFMAN: Thank you, - - . - - last  
7 speaker - - .

8 MALE VOICE 3: - - and - - basically - -  
9 location of the - - . My - - for - - school, -  
10 - I - - and it's a really - - school. When the  
11 relocation - - and - - school and - - school  
12 - - . I was - - . These kids are coming - -  
13 high school environment and they're coming up  
14 here for the same - - location. Now, to be  
15 located in the - - high school - - . - - I was  
16 - - before and - - . I know the - - and I was  
17 here - - . And - - option for the site - - high  
18 school, so, I know - - co-located - - . - -  
19 school - - . - - situation and I'd say, - - .  
20 - - site - - know - - school - - my school and  
21 - - available - - . Thank you.

22 MS. KAUFMAN: Thank you. That concludes our  
23 speaker list. And I want to thank you all for  
24 - - provide - - support and - - for also - -  
25 and I just want to say - - also - - our

1 community, clearly - - as well as - -  
 2 Principal's of the different schools here as  
 3 well as all the three different schools on the  
 4 other site - - where our - - plans. Every last  
 5 school is - - and - - to - - co-locate the  
 6 Principal's, work together on our spaces and - -  
 7 . We'll be working to support through this co-  
 8 location process in the - - . - - to help - -  
 9 being here - - will be - - the school  
 10 community. So, again, we welcome any comments  
 11 and feedback that you have at any time before  
 12 the Panel votes on both proposals on the 20<sup>th</sup> of  
 13 December. That panel meeting will take place at  
 14 6:00 p.m. at The High School of the Fashion  
 15 Industries, located at 225 West 24<sup>th</sup> Street. And  
 16 the email address if you wish to comment on  
 17 either of these - - proposals is  
 18 [D14Proposals@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:D14Proposals@schools.nyc.gov) and - - comments if  
 19 you would to 212-374-0208. The CEC - - . Thank  
 20 you for your participation and this joint public  
 21 hearing is now closed. So, the questions that -  
 22 - we're - - public comment - - .

23 MALE VOICE 4: - - can I ask - - question?

24 MS. KAUFMAN: - - hearing for - - comment -  
 25 - CEC - - protocol - - I'm happy with - - . - -

1 comment. Thank you for - - and good evening.

2 [END RECORDING]

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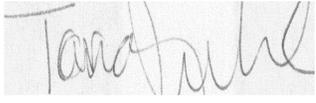
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