Department of Education
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Third Amended Notice
May 17, 2016

The Proposed Co-Location of New Visions Charter High School for the Humanities IV (84QTBD) with Jean Nuzzi Intermediate School (29Q109) in Building Q109 Beginning in the 2016-2017 School Year

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

On March 3, 2016, the New York City Department of Education ("DOE") posted a proposal to open and co-locate New Visions Charter High School for the Humanities IV (84QTBD, "Humanities IV"), a new charter high school that will serve students in grades nine through twelve in building Q109 ("Q109"), with Jean Nuzzi Intermediate School (29Q109, "Jean Nuzzi"), an existing district middle school that serves students in sixth through eighth grades, beginning in the 2016-2017 school year. Q109 is located at 213-10 92 Avenue, Queens, NY 11428 within the geographic confines of Community School District 29 ("District 29"). Q109 also provides space to a community based organization ("CBO"), Beacon.

New Visions for Public Schools ("New Visions") is the charter management organization ("CMO") for Humanities IV. Humanities IV will offer a rigorous academic program and prepare students for post-secondary work in the humanities. According to New Visions, their schools provide all students, regardless of their previous academic history, the highest quality education in an atmosphere of respect, responsibility and rigor. The schools ensure that graduates have the skills and content knowledge necessary to succeed in post-secondary choices by engaging students, teachers, and administrators in learning experiences that allow risk-taking, embrace multiple attempts at learning, cultivate students' imaginative and creative abilities, and celebrate achievement. Students at Humanities IV will gain the tools to succeed in college and careers. The school will offer core courses including math, science, English, art, and physical education for all students, as well as Advanced Placement ("AP") and college-level courses, such as AP Government, AP Psychology, Literature Studies, and painting. Humanities IV will provide students with a foundation for career paths in public service, law, media, or the arts.

In November 2012, the New York State Education Department ("SED") authorized Humanities IV to serve students in ninth through twelfth grades. Humanities IV was originally approved by the SED to serve students in ninth through twelfth grades in districts in Brooklyn. New Visions has informed the DOE that it has applied for a charter revision to serve students in District 29. For the purposes of this proposal, it is assumed that SED will approve New Visions' application.

On March 28, 2016 the DOE issued an amended notice to reflect a new start time for the Joint Public Hearing which was held on April 14, 2016 at 7:00 PM.

On April 19, 2016 the DOE issued a second amended notice to provide the new date and location of the meeting at which the Panel for Educational Policy ("PEP") would vote on this proposal. The new vote on this proposal was scheduled to take place on May 18, 2016 at 6:00 PM at Long Island City High School, located at 14-30 Broadway, Long Island City, NY 11106.

On May 17, 2016 the DOE is now issuing a third amended notice to provide the new date and location of the meeting at which the PEP will vote on this proposal. The new vote on this proposal will take place on June 22, 2016 at 6:00 PM at M.S. 131, located at 100 Hester Street, New York 10002. Additionally, section IV of this notice was updated to reflect updated contact information for the city district representative regarding this proposal. This third amended notice supersedes the March 28 and April 19 amended notices.

No changes have been made to the Educational Impact Statement ("EIS") or Building Utilization Plan ("BUP") for this proposal, posted by the DOE on March 3, 2016.

Information on the Joint Public Hearing and PEP meeting can be found on the DOE website at: http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2015-2016/June222016SchoolProposals

If this proposal to open and co-locate Humanities IV in Q109 is approved, students will have access to an additional high school option in Queens. Humanities IV will open in Q109 in the 2016-2017 school year, serving approximately 105-115 students in ninth grade, and will add one grade level each year until reaching its full grade span of ninth through twelfth grades in the 2019-2020 school year, when it will serve approximately 420-460 students.

If this proposal to open and co-locate Humanities IV in Q109 is approved, students will have access to an additional high school option in Queens and the new school will add much needed high school seat capacity to the Borough. Humanities IV will open in Q109 in the 2016-2017 school year, serving approximately 105-115 students in ninth grade, and will add one grade level each year until reaching its full grade span of ninth through twelfth grades in the 2019-2020 school year, when it will serve approximately 420-460 students.

Q109 has the capacity to serve a total of 1,334 students. Currently, the building serves approximately 972 students, yielding a utilization rate of 73%. The DOE strives to ensure that all students in New York City have access to a diverse range of high-quality schools and programs at every stage of their education. To this end, the DOE evaluates public school buildings throughout the City that are "under-utilized," meaning they have space to accommodate additional students. Q109 is currently "under-utilized." If this proposal to open and co-locate Humanities IV with Jean Nuzzi is approved, in the 2016-2017 school year, Humanities IV will serve a projected 105-115 students in ninth grade and Jean Nuzzi will serve a projected 945-975 students in sixth through eighth grades in Q109. Q109 will have a total projected building enrollment of 1,050-1,090 students, yielding a projected building utilization rate of 79%-82%. In 2019-2020, when Humanities IV is at scale serving students in ninth through twelfth grades, it will serve approximately 420-460 students and Jean Nuzzi will serve a projected 975-1,005 students in sixth through eighth grades in Q109.

If the proposal is approved, it is anticipated that Humanities IV will reprogram the spaces it is allocated in Q109 and use the rooms in a different manner than Jean Nuzzi. For example, Humanities IV may use a room previously used by Jean Nuzzi for administrative purposes for instruction and similarly, may use a room previously used for instruction by Jean Nuzzi as an administrative space. The projected utilization rates, in Section II below, presume that Jean Nuzzi and Humanities IV will continue to program the rooms in the building in the same manner that they are currently being used in the 2015-2016 school year. Because building utilization rates do not account for the fact that rooms may be programmed for more efficient or different uses than the standard assumptions in the utilization calculation, the projected utilization rates in this EIS may be overestimated. Therefore in the 2019-2020 school year, when a total of approximately 1,395-1,465 students are served in Q109, the building utilization rate is 105%-110%. However, if we account for the rooms being reprogrammed and used differently, the projected building utilization rate will be 101%-106%.

II. Information regarding where the full text of the proposed item may be obtained.

The EIS and BUP can be found on the Department of Education's website:
http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2015-2016/June222016SchoolProposals
Copies of the EIS and BUP are also available in the main office of Jean Nuzzi.

III. Submission of public comment.

The Joint Public Hearing for this proposal was held on Thursday, April 14, 2016 at building Q109. Members of the public who wish to provide additional comments may provide oral or written comments as described below. All comments must be submitted at least 24 hours in advance of the PEP meeting at which this proposal is subject to a vote in order to be mentioned in the Public Comment Analysis to be published and provided to the Panel the evening before the Panel votes.

Written comments can be sent to 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.

Name:	Albery Corona
Office:	Division of Operations
Address:	100 Gold Street, New York, NY 10038
Email:	D29Proposals@schools.nyc.gov
Phone:	212-374-7621

V. Date, time and place of Joint Public Hearing for this proposal.

The Joint Public Hearing for this proposal was held on Thursday, April 14, 2016 at building Q109, but additional comments and questions about this proposal can continue to be submitted to D29Proposals@schools.nyc.govor 212-374-7621.

VI. Date, time and place of the Panel for Educational Policy meeting at which the Panel will vote on the proposed item.

June 22, 2016 at 6:00 PM
M.S. 131
100 Hester Street
New York, NY 10002