



Notice
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Chancellor

The Proposed Co-location of Grades Kindergarten through Four of KIPP S.T.A.R. College Preparatory Charter School (84M726) with KIPP Infinity Charter School (84M336) and New Design Middle School (05M514) in Building M195 Beginning in 2014-2015

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

The New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) is proposing to co-locate grades kindergarten through four of KIPP S.T.A.R. College Preparatory Charter School (84M726, “KIPP S.T.A.R.”) in building M195 (“M195”), located at 625 West 133rd Street, New York, NY 10027 in Community School District 5 (“District 5”), beginning in the 2014-2015 school year. KIPP S.T.A.R. currently serves students in kindergarten and first grades in building M115 (“M115”), located at 586 West 177th Street, New York, NY 10033 in Community School District 6 (“District 6”); students in grades five through eight in building M125 (“M125”), located at 433 West 123rd Street, New York, NY 10027 in District 5; and students in grades nine through twelve in building M195. 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.

If this proposal is approved, beginning in 2014-2015, KIPP S.T.A.R.’s kindergarten will be co-located with KIPP Infinity Charter School (84M336, “KIPP Infinity”), a public charter school currently serving students in grades kindergarten through two and five through twelve, and which will add grades three and four over the next two years until it reaches full scale in the 2014-2015 school year; and New Design Middle School (05M514, “New Design”), an existing middle school currently serving students in grades six and seven, and which will reach full scale and serve students in sixth through eighth grades beginning in the 2013-2014 school year.

Currently, the M195 building also houses the eighth grade of I.S. 195 Roberto Clemente (05M195, “I.S. 195”) and grades nine through twelve of KIPP A.M.P. Charter School (84K357, “KIPP A.M.P.”), KIPP Infinity, KIPP Academy Charter School (84X704, “KIPP Academy”) and KIPP S.T.A.R., hereafter referred to collectively as “KIPP High School.” KIPP High School will be moving out of M195 to private space located at 201 East 144th Street, Bronx, New York 10451 in Community School District 7 (“District 7”), prior to the 2013-2014 school year.

The DOE proposed to open and co-locate New Design beginning in September 2011 pursuant to a proposal that was approved by the Panel for Educational Policy (“PEP”) on June 27, 2011. Separately, the DOE proposed to phase out and eventually close I.S. 195 due to its poor performance and inability to turn around quickly to better support students needs. I.S. 195 began phasing out in September 2011 pursuant to a proposal that was approved by the PEP on February 1, 2011. I.S. 195 will close at the conclusion of the 2012-2013 school year. New Design and KIPP Infinity are currently phasing in; New Design will serve students in grades six through eight when it reaches full scale in the 2013-2014 school year and KIPP Infinity will serve students in grades kindergarten through eight in M195 when it reaches full scale in the 2014-2015 school year.

KIPP S.T.A.R. operates with the management support of KIPP NYC (“KIPP NYC”), a Charter Management Organization that currently manages five charter schools within New York City, including those currently co-located in M195. In October 2012, KIPP NYC submitted a charter revision to the New York State Education Department (“SED”) that requested to merge KIPP S.T.A.R.’s charter with KIPP NYC Washington Heights Academy’s charter. In March 2013, the SED approved the merger and named the consolidated charter KIPP NYC Public Charter Schools. KIPP NYC Public Charter Schools is authorized to operate two charter schools - KIPP NYC Washington Heights Academy (84M068, “KIPP NYC WHA”) and KIPP S.T.A.R.

Under the approved merger, KIPP NYC WHA will serve students in grades kindergarten through three in building M115 and students in grades four through eight in building M090 (“M090”), located at 21 Jumel Place, New York, NY 10032, also in District 6. This means that the students currently served by KIPP S.T.A.R. in M115 will now be served by KIPP NYC WHA and will articulate to fourth grade in M090, within the same district. In addition, KIPP S.T.A.R. will serve students in grades kindergarten through four in building M195 (if this proposal is approved), and students in grades five through eight in building M125, both within District 5.

The merged charter, KIPP NYC Public Charter Schools, will enable KIPP S.T.A.R. in District 5 and KIPP NYC WHA in District 6, to create a unified kindergarten through eighth grade program to allow elementary students in District 5 and District 6, respectively, the opportunity to attend a single KIPP school from kindergarten through eighth grade. The eighth grade students from KIPP NYC WHA and KIPP S.T.A.R. will articulate to KIPP High School, which will be located in private space in the Bronx.

Every charter school managed by KIPP NYC admits students through a charter lottery application process, and gives admission priority to students residing in the district in which the school is located. For schools whose elementary and/or middle school grades are located in a different district than their high school grades, preference is given to students residing in the district in which the elementary and/or middle school grades are located and who qualify for free or reduced-price meals. KIPP High School enrolls students who are articulating from the eighth grade at KIPP Infinity, KIPP Academy, KIPP A.M.P., KIPP S.T.A.R. and, eventually, KIPP NYC WHA, which will serve eighth grade students beginning in the 2015-2016 school year.

If this proposal is approved, beginning in the 2014-2015 school year, KIPP S.T.A.R. will serve 83-106 students in kindergarten in the M195 building. In the 2015-2016 school year, KIPP

S.T.A.R will serve approximately 166-212 students in kindergarten and first grade in M195. In the 2016-2017 school year, KIPP S.T.A.R. will serve approximately 249-318 students in grades kindergarten through two. In the 2017-2018 school year, KIPP S.T.A.R. will serve approximately 332-424 students in grades kindergarten through three in M195. In the 2018-2019 school year, the final year of expansion, KIPP S.T.A.R. will serve 415-530 students in grades kindergarten through four in M195. As mentioned above, I.S. 195 will close at the conclusion of the 2012-2013 school year and KIPP High School, currently comprised of the ninth through twelfth grades of KIPP A.M.P., KIPP Infinity, KIPP Academy and KIPP S.T.A.R., will move out of M195 to private space prior to the 2013-2014 school year.

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

An Educational Impact Statement and Second Revised Building Utilization Plan describing the proposal are available at: <http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2012-2013/May2013Proposals.htm>.

Copies of the EIS and Second Revised BUP are also available in the main offices of the schools in M195.

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.

May 8, 2013
6:00 p.m.
Building M195
625 West 133rd Street
New York, NY 10027

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.

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

May 22, 2013

6:00 p.m.

The Taft Educational Campus

240 East 172nd Street

Bronx, NY 10457