



**Notice**  
April 3, 2013

**Dennis M. Walcott**  
*Chancellor*

## **The Proposed Grade Truncation of P.S. 111 Adolph S. Ochs (02M111) from K-8 to K-5 Beginning in the 2014-2015 School Year**

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

P.S. 111 Adolph S. Ochs (02M111, “P.S. 111”) is an existing district school located in school building M111 (“M111”) located at 440 West 53<sup>rd</sup> Street, Manhattan, NY 10019 in Community School District 2 (“District 2”). P.S. 111 currently serves students in kindergarten through eighth grade and offers two sections of full-day pre-kindergarten.

P.S. 111 admits kindergarten through fifth grade students through a zoned admissions process. P.S. 111 admits sixth through eighth grade students into two middle school programs: a zoned program, open to students who reside within the P.S. 111 middle school zone, and a screened program, open to students who reside inside or outside of the P.S. 111 zone. Students zoned to P.S. 111 for middle school, as well as students who are zoned to District 2 for middle school or attended a District 2 elementary school, may apply to both P.S. 111 middle school programs through the District 2 Middle School Choice process. P.S. 111 is the only school organization housed in M111.

In collaboration with the school’s leadership, the New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) is proposing to implement a gradual “grade truncation” of P.S. 111’s middle school grades. If this proposal is approved, P.S. 111 will begin its grade truncation in the 2014-2015 school year, when P.S. 111 will no longer enroll new sixth grade students. Students in sixth and seventh grade at P.S. 111 in the 2013-2014 school year will continue at the school for seventh and eighth grade in 2014-2015, provided they meet promotional requirements. All eighth grade students at P.S. 111 in the 2013-2014 school year who meet promotional standards will apply to high school through the Citywide High School Admissions Process and enter ninth grade, as planned, in September of 2014.

During the 2014-2015 school year, P.S. 111 will serve students in kindergarten through fifth grade and students in seventh and eighth grade, and operate two sections of a full day pre-kindergarten program. During the 2015-2016 school year, P.S. 111 will serve students in kindergarten through fifth grade and students in eighth grade, as well as two sections of full day pre-kindergarten. During the 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 school years, eighth-grade students at P.S. 111 who meet promotional standards will apply to high school through the High School Admissions Process.

After the last class of eighth grade students graduates in June 2016, P.S. 111 will no longer serve students in middle school grades. In each year of implementation of this proposal, there may be students who do not meet promotional standards and are required to repeat a grade that the school will no longer serve. The Office of Student Enrollment will work with those families to determine appropriate placements in the students’ districts of residence. As per Chancellor’s Regulation A-101, these students may be placed in another school in their district of residence, including new middle schools proposed for the 2014-2015 school year.

P.S. 111's school leadership team initiated this proposal to truncate the school's middle school grades in January 2012 through the submission of a Letter of Intent ("LOI") to the Division of Portfolio Planning ("Portfolio"). Truncating P.S. 111's middle school grades will allow the school to more fully focus on serving its elementary school students.

The DOE anticipates that building M111 will have excess space once P.S. 111 has completed its grade truncation. The DOE does not currently have plans for the use of this space. Any significant changes to school utilization would be proposed in a separate Educational Impact Statement ("EIS") in accordance with Chancellor's Regulation A-190 and would be subject to approval by the Panel for Educational Policy ("PEP").

The DOE does not anticipate that the proposed truncation of P.S. 111 will impact its existing pre-kindergarten program. However, like all pre-kindergarten programs, its availability will depend on continued demand and funding.

## **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/2012-2013/May2013Proposals.htm>

Copies of the EIS are also available in P.S. 111's main office.

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

Written comments can be sent to [D02proposals@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:D02proposals@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 hearings for this proposal.**

May 8, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.  
Building M111  
440 West 53rd Street  
New York, NY 10019

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.

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

May 22, 2013 at 6:00pm

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240 East 172nd St.  
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