



Notice
April 3, 2013

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Chancellor

The Proposed Temporary Co-location of a New Middle School (02MTBD) with Existing School P.S. 51 Elias Howe (02M051) and a New Site P094@M338 of an Existing District 75 Program (75M094) in New Building M338 Beginning in the 2014-2015 School Year and the Proposed Re-siting of New Middle School (02MTBD) to Building M933 Beginning in the 2015-2016 School Year

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

The New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) is proposing to temporarily co-locate a new district middle school (02MTBD, “New Middle School”) in new building M338 (“M338”) for the 2014-2015 school year. New building M338 is located at 515-533 West 44th Street, New York, NY 10036 in Community School District 2 (“District 2”). M338 is expected to open by the beginning of the 2013-2014 school year. New Middle School will be co-located temporarily in M338 with P.S. 51 Elias Howe (02M051, “P.S. 51”), an existing elementary school serving students in grades kindergarten through five, and P094@M338 (“P094@M338”), one site of a multi-site District 75 (“D75”) school, 75M094. P094@M338 will open in the 2013-2014 school year and will serve students in kindergarten through second grade. At M338, New Middle School will serve students in grade six.

After the 2014-2015 school year, New Middle School will move out of M338 to building M933 (“M933”), located at 425 West 33rd Street, New York, NY 10001. Building M933 currently houses M.S. 260 Clinton School Writers & Artists (02M260, “Clinton”). Clinton is expected to move out of M933 prior to the 2015-2016 school year to new building M868, at 10 East 15th Street, New York, NY, 10003. The DOE anticipates the future posting of a proposal to re-site Clinton from M933 to M868. Building M933 is a leased site, and will be the long-term site of New Middle School. Beginning in 2015-2016, New Middle School is expected to be the only school organization in building M933, where it will serve students in grades six through eight at full scale.

P.S. 51 is a zoned elementary school currently serving students in kindergarten through fifth grade at its temporary location, building M816 (“M816”), at 323 East 91st Street, New York, NY 10128. P.S. 51 is expected to move from its temporary location, M816, to its permanent location, M338, by the beginning of the 2013-2014 school year.

Once it opens in the 2013-2014 school year, P094@M338 will serve approximately 30-42 students in kindergarten through second grade who are classified as intellectually disabled, learning disabled, autism or mentally retarded under an Individualized Education Program (“IEP”). P094@M338 will serve students in Self-Contained (“SC”) sections in 12:1:1 (twelve students with one teacher and one paraprofessional) and 6:1:1 (six students with one teacher and one paraprofessional) classroom settings. Students are placed in D75 programs based on their individual needs and recommended special education services and are referred to D75 during a period that extends into summer.

If this proposal is approved, New Middle School will open in September 2014 in M338, where it will be co-located with P.S. 51 and P094@M338. New Middle School will admit students through the District 2 Middle School Choice Process with a limited unscreened admissions method. More information on admissions methods can be found in Section III of this Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”). In the 2014-2015 school year, New Middle School will enroll students in sixth grade. For the 2015-2016 school year, New Middle School will move from M338 to its long-term location in M933 and phase in to serve students in sixth and seventh grade. In 2016-2017, when New Middle School achieves full scale, it will serve approximately 225-255 students in sixth through eighth grades.

M338 is a new building currently under construction. It is expected to have a target capacity of 640 students when it opens for the 2013-2014 school year. No school organization currently uses space at M338, since the building is under construction. In the 2014-2015 school year, when New Middle School begins its co-location with P.S. 51 and P094@M338 in building M338, the building is expected to serve approximately 343-425 students, yielding a utilization rate of 54%-66%. If this proposal is approved, there will be sufficient space in M338 to accommodate New Middle School, P.S. 51 and P094@M338 during the 2014-2015 school year.

There will be excess space in M338 prior to and during the co-location of New Middle School. 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 EIS in accordance with Chancellor’s Regulation A-190 and would be subject to approval by the Panel for Educational Policy (“PEP”).

M933 has been identified as an under-utilized building. M933 has a target capacity to serve 484 students. In the current 2012-2013 school year, the building serves only 249 students, yielding a utilization rate of 51%. When New Middle School reaches full-scale in M933 in 2016-2017, it is anticipated to serve approximately 225-255 students in grades six through eight, yielding a building utilization rate of 46% - 53%. If this proposal is approved, there will be sufficient space in M933 to accommodate New Middle School during its phase-in and at full scale.

If re-siting New Middle School to M933 after the 2014-2015 school year is not feasible for any reason, the DOE will re-assess the space at M338 and, if appropriate, extend the co-location, or propose an alternative siting plan. The DOE would issue a separate Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) describing any alternate plans for New Middle School, space in M338, or space in M933.

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 the main offices of P.S. 51.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to 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 hearing for this proposal.

May 9, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.
Building M933
425 West 33rd Street
New York, NY 10001

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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