Amended Notice
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Chancellor

The Proposed Co-location of the High School Grades of Success Academy Charter School – Harlem 1 (84M351), Success Academy Charter School – Harlem 2 (84M384), Success Academy Charter School – Harlem 3 (84M385), Success Academy Charter School – Harlem 4 (84M386), and Success Academy Charter School – Harlem 5 (84M482) with Existing Schools Manhattan Academy for Arts and Language (02M427), Murray Hill Academy (02M432) and Unity Center for Urban Technologies (02M500) in School Building M620 Beginning in the 2014-2015 School Year, and the Proposed Temporary Co-location of the Eighth Grade of Success Academy Charter School – Harlem 1 (84M351) in Building M620 for the 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 School Years, and the Eighth Grades of Success Academy Charter School – Harlem 2 (84M384), Success Academy Charter School – Harlem 3 (84M385), and Success Academy Charter School – Harlem 4 (84M386) in Building M620 in the 2015-2016 School Year with Existing Schools Manhattan Academy for Arts and Language (02M427), Murray Hill Academy (02M432) and Unity Center for Urban Technologies (02M500)

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

The New York City Department of Education ("DOE") is proposing to open and co-locate the high school grades of Success Academy Charter School – Harlem 1 (84M351, "SA – Harlem 1"), Success Academy Charter School – Harlem 2 (84M384, "SA – Harlem 2"), Success Academy Charter School – Harlem 3 (84M385, "SA – Harlem 3"), Success Academy Charter School – Harlem 4 (84M386, "SA – Harlem 4"), and Success Academy Charter School – Harlem 5 (84M482, "SA – Harlem 5"), collectively known as Success Academy Charter School – Manhattan High School ("SA – Manhattan HS"), in school building M620 ("M620") beginning in the 2014-2015 school year. The DOE is also proposing to temporarily co-locate the eighth grade of SA – Harlem 1 in M620 for the 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 school years and the eighth grades of SA – Harlem 2, SA – Harlem 3, and SA – Harlem 4 in M620 for the 2015-2016 school year. Collectively, the high school grades and the temporarily co-located eighth grades will be referred to throughout the rest of this Educational Impact Statement as "Success Academy – Manhattan HS." This reference applies to the eighth through ninth grades of SA – Harlem 1 in the 2014-2015 school year, the eighth through tenth grades of SA – Harlem 1 through SA – Harlem 4 in the 2015-2016 school year, the ninth through eleventh grades of SA – Harlem 1 through SA – Harlem 4 in the 2016-2017 school year, the ninth through twelfth grades of SA – Harlem 1 through SA – Harlem 4 in the 2017-2018 school year, and the ninth through twelfth grades of SA – Harlem 1 through SA – Harlem 5 in the 2018-2019 school year and beyond.

M620 is located at 111 East 33rd Street, New York, NY 10016, within the geographical confines of Community School District 2 ("District 2"). If this proposal is approved, SA – Manhattan HS will be co-located with the following schools: Manhattan Academy for Arts and Language (02M427, "MAAL"), an existing high school serving students in grades nine through eleven which is in the process of phasing in to serve students in grades nine through twelve and will reach full scale in 2013-2014; Murray Hill Academy (02M432, "Murray Hill"), an existing high school serving students in grades nine through eleven which is also in the process of phasing in to serve students in grades nine through twelve and will reach full scale in 2013-2014; and Unity Center for Urban Technologies (02M500, "Unity"), an existing high school that serves students in grades nine through twelve.

M620 currently houses Norman Thomas High School (02M620, "Norman Thomas"), an existing school that currently serves students in grades eleven and twelve and is in the process of phasing out. Norman Thomas will close in June 2014 before SA – Manhattan HS opens in the building.

On March 23, 2011, the Panel for Educational Policy ("PEP") approved a proposal to co-locate Unity and MAAL in M620 with Norman Thomas and Murray Hill beginning in the 2013-2014 school year.

Additionally, M620 houses two community-based organizations ("CBOs"), School Based Health Clinic – Bellevue and New York University. This proposal is not expected to impact the continued siting of the CBOs.

If this proposal is approved, beginning in the 2014-2015 school year SA-Manhattan HS will enroll, subject to availability of seats, ninth grade students from SA – Harlem 1 through SA – Harlem 5 as those students graduate from eighth grade at their respective middle schools. In the first two years of this proposal, the students who matriculate from seventh grade at SA – Harlem 1 through SA – Harlem 4 will attend eighth grade at M620 as part of SA – Manhattan HS. Those temporarily co-located eighth grade students at M620 will then be able to attend SA – Manhattan HS as ninth grade students the following year, assuming they meet eighth grade promotional criteria. Following the conclusion of the 2015-2016 school year, existing eighth grade students in M620 will matriculate to SA – Manhattan HS as ninth graders and eighth grade students will no longer be served in M620. For any eighth grade students who do not meet promotional criteria by the end of the 2015-2016 school year, SACS will work with the families to determine an appropriate placement at a SACS school. Beginning in 2016-2017, SA – Manhattan HS will enroll ninth grade students continuing from SA – Harlem 1, SA - Harlem 2, SA – Harlem 3 and SA – Harlem 4, subject to availability of seats. Beginning in 2018-2019, SA – Manhattan HS will also enroll ninth grade students continuing from SA – Harlem 5, subject to availability of seats.

Success Academy Charter Schools ("SACS") is a charter management organization that currently operates 12 public elementary charter schools in New York City. SACS has been authorized by the State University of New York Charter Schools Institute ("SUNY CSI") to operate six new public elementary charter schools starting in 2013-2014. The four SACS schools that received a Progress Report for the 2010-2011 school year and 2011-2012 school year received an overall grade of A. The DOE has already issued proposals to site the expansion of these schools to middle school based on this record of performance, and the DOE believes this record of performance also supports the expansion of these schools to the high school level. Success Academy Charter Schools – NYC ("SA – NYC") is a not-for-profit education corporation that has been authorized by SUNY CSI to operate five public charter schools: SA – Harlem 1, SA – Harlem 2, SA – Harlem 3, SA – Harlem 4, and SA – Harlem 5. SUNY CSI has authorized SA – NYC to offer ninth grade in 2014-2015. Contingent upon renewal of SA – Harlem 1's charter, expiring on June 30, 2015, SA – NYC intends to serve the full span of high school grades (9-12). If this proposal is approved and SUNY CSI approves the expansion through twelfth grade, all grades of SA – Manhattan HS will be co-located in M620. Therefore, students attending the schools operated by SA – NYC will be able to continue to SA – Manhattan HS. Should SUNY CSI deny these requests to expand SA – Harlem 1, SA – Harlem 2, SA – Harlem 3, SA – Harlem 4 and SA – Harlem 5 to serve students in kindergarten through twelfth grade, the DOE will consider alternate options for the space in M620 and, if necessary, propose an alternative option in a new or revised EIS and Building Utilization Plan ("BUP").

SA – Harlem 1, SA – Harlem 2, SA – Harlem 3, SA – Harlem 4 and SA – Harlem 5 will continue to admit students in kindergarten through third grade via their charter lottery application process.

According to the 2011-2012 Enrollment, Capacity, Utilization Report ("Blue Book"), M620 has a target capacity of 2,071 students. During the current 2012-2013 school year the building serves only 1,313 students, yielding a building utilization rate of 63%. M620 has been identified as an under-utilized building.

If this proposal is approved, SA – Manhattan HS will open during the 2014-2015 school year, when it will serve approximately 63-81 students in the eighth and ninth grade. SA – Manhattan HS will gradually phase in by adding one grade per year. In 2020-2021, when enrollment has stabilized across the full-scale grade

span of ninth through twelfth grade, SA – Manhattan HS will serve approximately 676-864 students in grades nine through twelve. In 2020-2021, the DOE projects that there will be approximately 1,621 – 1,929 students served in M620, yielding a building utilization rate of 78%-93%.

The DOE supports the co-location of SA – Manhattan HS in M620. This proposal is intended to increase the number of high-quality high school seats and options in Manhattan and will allow SACS to continue providing high-quality educational opportunities for students through multiple stages of their education.

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

The Educational Impact Statement ("EIS") and Building Utilization Plan ("BUP") 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 and BUP are also available in MAAL, Murray Hill, and Unity's main offices.

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 hearings for this proposal.

May 15, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.
Building M620
111 East 33rd Street
New York, NY 10016

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.
Bronx, New York, 10457