



Notice
August 29, 2013

Dennis M. Walcott
Chancellor

The Proposed Extension of the Temporary Re-siting and Co-location of the Kindergarten and First Grade Students of DREAM Charter School (84M382) with P.S. 50 Vito Marcantonio (04M050) and New York Center for Autism Charter School (84M337) in Building M050 During the 2013-2014 School Year

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

On June 27, 2013, the Chancellor of the New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) issued an Emergency Declaration re-siting and co-locating the kindergarten and first grades of DREAM Charter School (84M382, “DREAM”) with P.S. 50 Vito Marcantonio (04M050, “P.S. 50”) and New York Center for Autism Charter School (84M337, “NYCA”) in building M050 (“M050”), located at 433 East 100th Street, New York, NY 10029, in Community School District 4 (“District 4”) for the start of the 2013-2014 school year. Consistent with state law, the Emergency Declaration will remain in effect for six months, or until approved by the Panel for Educational Policy (“PEP”) to continue for a longer period. Thus, PEP approval is needed for DREAM’s kindergarten and first grades to remain in the building through the remainder of the school year.

Therefore, the DOE is now proposing to extend the re-siting and co-location of DREAM through the end of the 2013-2014 school year. A “co-location” means that two or more school organizations are located in the same building and may share common spaces like auditoriums, gymnasiums, and cafeterias. A “re-siting” means students will attend classes in a different building than the one students have attended in previous years.

DREAM is an existing charter elementary school that serves students in kindergarten through sixth grade in the 2013-2014 school year, and which is in the process of phasing in to serve students in kindergarten through eighth grade. When it was first authorized to serve students in kindergarten through fifth grade, DREAM expressed its intent to grow to serve students in middle school grades as well. DREAM was reauthorized in June 2013 and is now able to expand to serve students in kindergarten through 8th grade. Until the 2013-2014 school year, DREAM served its kindergarten through fifth grade students in building M121 (“M121”), located at 232 East 103rd Street, New York, NY 10029 in District 4, where it was co-located with P.S. 38 Roberto Clemente (04M038, “P.S. 38”).

Because of the limited space in M121, DREAM entered into negotiations to lease private space to serve its kindergarten and first grade students during the 2013-2014 school year. The DOE was not a party to the negotiations, which continued throughout much of the 2012-2013 school year. When these negotiations broke down, it was too late to successfully obtain alternative private space for the 2013-2014 school year. The DOE determined that the best course of action was to find a suitable school-ready space to house DREAM’s kindergarten and first grade students for the 2013-2014 school year.

The M050 building, which is located 0.4 miles from M121, will be used to house DREAM’s students in kindergarten and first grade until the school can be re-sited to a long-term private facility. DREAM’s second through sixth grade students will continue to be served in M121 for the 2013-2014 school year until they and

DREAM's kindergarten and first grade students move to DREAM's long-term facility in September 2014.

DREAM plans to move to a private facility prior to the start of the 2014-2015 school year. Construction has begun on DREAM's private facility, also located in District 4, which is expected to be ready for occupancy by September 2014. Once construction is complete, DREAM expects to serve all of its students in every grade level in its private facility beginning in the 2014-2015 school year. If DREAM is unable to move into its private building at the end of the 2013-2014 school year as planned, DREAM will explore options to serve its students in a temporary space.

As of September 2013, DREAM's kindergarten and first grade students are co-located with P.S. 50, a district school serving students in kindergarten through eighth grade, and NYCA, a charter school serving disabled students aged five to 19. If this proposal to extend the re-siting and co-location of DREAM's kindergarten and first grade students in M050 is approved, DREAM will continue to serve its kindergarten and first grade students in M050 and its second through sixth grade students in M121 until the conclusion of the 2013-2014 school year.

M050 also houses a community-based organization ("CBO"), Children's Aid Society. This proposal is not expected to impact the continued siting of that CBO in M050.

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

The Educational Impact Statement ("EIS") and Building Utilization Plan ("BUP") describing this proposal can be found on the Department of Education's Web site:

<http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2013-2014/Oct15SchoolProposals>.

Copies of the EIS and BUP are also available in the main offices of P.S. 50, DREAM, and NYCA.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D04Proposals@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.

October 7, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.
Building M050
433 East 100th Street
New York, NY 10029

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.

October 15, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.
Prospect Heights Campus
883 Classon Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11225.