



Notice

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Chancellor

The Proposed Co-location of New School 31R012 with Existing School I.S. 2 George L. Egbert (31R002) Beginning in the 2014-2015 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 open and co-locate a new district middle school, 31R012 (“31R012”), that will serve students in grades six through eight, in building R002 (“R002”), located at 333 Midland Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10306 in Community School District 31 (“District 31”), beginning in the 2014-2015 school year. 31R012 would be co-located in R002 with I.S. 2 George L. Egbert (31R002, “I.S. 2”); an existing middle school serving students in grades six through eight. R002 also provides space to the School of One Program.

I.S. 2 is a zoned middle school serving approximately 976 students in sixth through eighth grades in R002 during the 2013-2014 school year. I.S. 2 currently admits students residing within the R002 zone.

Currently, the DOE is planning to reduce the enrollment at I.S. 2 beginning in September 2014 over a period of three years. Details of the year by year reduction are included in Section III.B below. By 2016-2017, enrollment at I.S. 2 will decrease by approximately 560-590 students so that, at scale, it will serve approximately 390-420 students in sixth through eighth grades. This reduction of I.S. 2’s enrollment will enable 31R012 to open in building R002 and grow to scale. The DOE does not anticipate reducing I.S. 2’s enrollment if this proposal to co-locate 31R012 is not approved.

If this proposal is approved, 31R012 will open as a new middle school in September 2014 in R002, where it will be co-located with I.S. 2. 31R012 will grow to serve students in sixth through eighth grade and will admit students through the middle school application process administered by the Office of Student Enrollment (“OSE”). 31R012 will be open to students and residents in the R002 zone. Because 31R012 and I.S. 2 will share a zone, all students will indicate their preference for one of these schools by submitting a middle school application. Students in the zone will be matched to one of the schools based on preference and seat availability. In 2014-2015, 31R012 would enroll approximately 170-180 students in sixth grade. In 2015-2016, 31R012 would serve approximately 340-360 students in sixth and seventh grades. In 2016-2017, 31R012 would complete its phase-in reaching “full scale,” and serving approximately 510-540 students in grades six through eight.

The proposed co-location of 31R012 in building R002 is part of the DOE’s central goal to create new school options that will better serve current and future students and the community at large and to provide another option in the R002 building.

R002 has the capacity to serve 1,089 students. In the 2013-2014 school year, the building is projected to serve approximately 976 students, yielding an estimated utilization rate of 90%.

If this co-location proposal is approved, 31R012 will gradually phase into R002 while I.S. 2 simultaneously scales back its enrollment. The new school will serve students in sixth grade in the 2014-2015 school year and will add one grade level every year until the school reaches its full grade span of sixth through eighth

grades in the 2016-2017 school year, serving approximately 510-540 students. In 2016-2017, once I.S. 2 has completed its enrollment reduction and 31R012 is at full scale, it is projected that there will be approximately 900-960 students served in R002, thereby yielding an estimated building utilization rate of approximately 83%-88%. This projection is based on current enrollment, which includes a large eighth grade cohort that will articulate out of I.S.2 in 2013-2014, thereby reflecting a lower projected total enrollment in R002 when the building is at scale and enrollment is stable in 2016-2017.

If this proposal to co-locate 31R012 is approved, the middle school seats that will be lost as a result of the enrollment reduction at I.S. 2 will be recovered by the new seats created by the opening of 31R012.

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/2013-2014/Oct15SchoolProposals>.

Copies of the EIS are also available in I.S. 2’s main office.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D31Proposals@Schools.nyc.gov

Oral comments can be left at 212 374-7621

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.

Thursday, October 3, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.
Building R002
333 Midland Avenue
Staten Island, NY 10306

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.

October 15, 2013 at 6:00pm

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883 Classon Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11225