



Notice
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Chancellor

The Proposed Co-Location of New Public Elementary Charter School, Success Academy Charter School – New York 4 (84KTBD) Grades K-4, with Existing School J.H.S. 78 Roy H. Mann (22K078) in Building K078 Beginning in 2014-2015

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

The New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) is proposing to site the kindergarten through fourth grades of Success Academy Charter School – New York 4 (84KTBD, “SA- New York 4”) in building K078 (“K078”), beginning in the 2014-2015 school year. K078 is located at 1420 East 68th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11234 in Community School District 22 (“District 22”). If this proposal is approved, SA- New York 4 will be co-located in K078 with J.H.S. 78 Roy H. Mann (22K078, “J.H.S. 78”), an existing middle school serving students in grades six through eight.

If this proposal is approved, SA- New York 4 will open in September 2014, serving 120-180 students in kindergarten and first grade, and will add one grade level each year until it serves approximately 375-450 students in kindergarten through fourth grade in the 2017-2018 school year. The school will admit students via the charter lottery application process, with preference given to District 22 residents.

SA- New York 4 has submitted a preliminary application for charter authorization to the State University of New York Trustees (“SUNY”) to serve students in kindergarten through fifth grade. This proposal deals only with the kindergarten through fourth grades of SA- New York 4. Any future proposal to co-locate additional grade levels of SA- New York 4 in K078 would be addressed in a separate Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) and subject to approval by the Panel for Educational Policy (“PEP”). The proposal to open and co-locate SA- New York 4 in building K078 is contingent upon SUNY’s approval of SA- New York 4’s application for charter authorization. If SUNY does not approve SA- New York 4’s charter application, this proposal will not be implemented. For the purposes of this proposal, it is assumed that SUNY will approve SA- New York 4’s application.

Success Academy Charter Schools (“SACS”) is a charter management organization (“CMO”) that currently operates 18 public elementary charter schools in New York City, six of which

opened in the 2013-2014 school year. The four SACS elementary schools that received a Progress Report for the 2011-2012 school year all received an overall grade of A.

Currently, the DOE is also planning to reduce the enrollment at J.H.S. 78 over a period of three years beginning in September 2014. Details of the year-by-year reduction are included in Section IV below. By 2016-2017, enrollment at J.H.S. 78 will decrease by approximately 160-190 students so that it will serve approximately 795-825 students at scale in sixth through eighth grades.

Regardless of whether this co-location proposal is approved, the DOE will still pursue the enrollment reduction at J.H.S. 78 beginning in September 2014.

According to the 2011-2012 Enrollment, Capacity, Utilization Report (“Blue Book”), K078 has a target capacity of 1,277 students. The building is currently serving approximately 983 students yielding a building utilization rate of 77%.

The DOE believes there will be sufficient space in building K078 to accommodate J.H.S. 78 and SA- New York 4. In 2017-2018, once J.H.S. 78 has completed its enrollment reduction and SA- New York 4 has completed its phase-in, it is projected that there will be approximately 1,245-1,425 students served in K078, thereby yielding an estimated utilization rate of 97%-112%.

Although a utilization rate in excess of 100% may suggest that a building will be over-utilized or over-crowded in a given year, this rate does not account for the fact that rooms may be programmed for more efficient or different uses than the standard assumptions in the utilization calculation. In addition, charter school enrollment plans are frequently based on larger class sizes than target capacity, contributing to building utilizations above 100%, while not impacting the utilization of the space allocated to the traditional district school. Please refer to the attached Building Utilization Plan (“BUP”) for a more detailed description of the available space in K078.

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/2013-2014/Oct15SchoolProposals>

Copies of the EIS and BUP are also available in J.H.S. 78’s main office.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D22Proposals@schools.nyc.gov

Oral comments can be left at 212-374-0208.

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.

Tuesday, October 8, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

K078

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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 PM

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