



Notice
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Chancellor

The Proposed Co-location of Grades Five through Eight of Success Academy Charter School – Harlem 4 (84M386) with Existing Schools P.S. 149 Sojourner Truth (03M149), P.S. M811 Mickey Mantle School (75M811), and Grades Kindergarten through Four of Success Academy Charter School – Harlem 1 (84M351) in Tandem Buildings M149 and M207 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 indefinitely co-locate grades five through eight of Success Academy Charter School – Harlem 4 (84M386, “SA – Harlem 4”) in tandem buildings M149 and M207 (“M149/M207”), located respectively at 34 West 118th Street, New York, NY 10026 and 41 West 117th Street, New York, NY 10026 in Community School District 3 (“District 3”), beginning in the 2014-2015 school year. If this proposal is approved, SA – Harlem 4 will be co-located with existing schools P.S. 149 Sojourner Truth (03M149, “P.S. 149”), a district school that serves students in grades kindergarten through eight and also offers a pre-kindergarten program; P.S. M811 Mickey Mantle School (75M811, “P811M@M149”), one site of a District 75 school (“District 75”) that serves students in grades kindergarten through eight and also offers a pre-kindergarten program. P811M@M149 serves students with autism or who are emotionally disturbed; and Success Academy Charter School – Harlem 1 (84M351, “SA – Harlem 1”), a public charter school serving students in grades kindergarten through four in M149/M207. “Tandem buildings” are two separate buildings with separate entrances which are joined by a central core containing large shared spaces, such as auditoriums, gymnasiums, and/or cafeterias. 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.

SA – Harlem 4 is an existing public charter school authorized by the State University of New York Trustees (“SUNY”) to serve students in grades kindergarten through eight. SA – Harlem 4 serves students in grades kindergarten through four in building M113 located at 240 West 113th Street, New York, NY 10026 in District 3, where it is co-located with P.S. 241 STEM Institute of Manhattan (03M241) and The Opportunity Charter School (84M279). For the 2013-2014 school year, SA – Harlem 4 serves students in grades five and six in tandem buildings M185 and M208 located respectively at 20 West 112th Street, New York, NY 10026 and 21 West 111th Street,

New York, NY 10026, also in District 3, where it is co-located with P.S. 185 The Early Childhood Discovery and Design Magnet School (03M185), P.S. 208 Alain L. Locke Magnet School for Environmental Stewardship (03M208), Harlem Link Charter School (84M329), and P226M@P208M (75M226), one site of a District 75 school. If this proposal is approved, M149/M207 will be the long-term site for grades five through eight of SA – Harlem 4. SA – Harlem 4 previously served students in grade five in M149/M207.

If this proposal is approved, in 2014-2015, SA – Harlem 4 will serve 180-210 students in grades five through seven in M149/M207. In 2015-2016, SA – Harlem 4 will serve 215-245 students in grades five through seven in M149/M207. In 2016-2017, SA – Harlem 4 will reach its full grade span in M149/M207, serving 215-245 students in grades five through eight; however, SA – Harlem 4's enrollment will continue to increase slightly each year until 2018-2019, when the school's enrollment will stabilize at 335-375 students in grades five through eight.

P.S. 149 is an existing zoned district school that serves students in grades kindergarten through eight and offers a pre-kindergarten program. P.S. 149 admits students in grades kindergarten through five in accordance with Chancellor's Regulation A-101 and students in grades six through eight through the District 3 Middle School Choice Process through a screened admissions method. P.S. 149 also offers two full-day pre-kindergarten classes and admits students through the standard universal pre-kindergarten admissions process. Admissions policies for P.S. 149 are discussed in more details in Section III.

P.S. M811 Mickey Mantle School is a District 75 school that operates five programs across five different locations, including M149/M207. P811M@M149 refers to the program in M149/M207. P811M@M149 serves students who are classified as autistic or emotionally disturbed on their Individualized Education Programs ("IEPs"). P811M@M149 currently serves students in self-contained and inclusion classes of six to twelve students and require a special education certified teacher. Students are placed in District 75 programs based on their individual needs and recommended special education services.

In conjunction with this proposal, future enrollment of P811M@M149 will be reduced by placing fewer new students in P811M@M149 each year. Demand for District 75 schools has remained constant in Manhattan for the last three years, and the DOE believes this trend will continue going forward. The consistent demand, combined with the overall increase in District 75 capacity in the borough through construction of new school buildings with dedicated capacity for District 75 students, leads the DOE to believe that the reduction of future enrollment of P811M@M149 will have a minimal impact on the future enrollment at other District 75 schools and that there will continue to be an excess of District 75 seats in Manhattan. This means that there will be sufficient District 75 capacity in Manhattan to meet the needs of future District 75 students. P.S. M811 Mickey Mantle School will continue to serve the same number of sections of students at its four other locations in Manhattan.

SA – Harlem 1 is a public charter school operated by Success Academy Charter Schools ("SACS"), the same charter management organization ("CMO") as SA – Harlem 4, and is authorized by SUNY to serve students in grades kindergarten through nine, but only serves students in grades kindergarten through eight in the 2013-2014 school year. For the 2013-2014

school year and beyond, SA – Harlem 1’s students in grades kindergarten through four will continue to be served in M149/M207. SA – Harlem 1’s students in other grades will continue to be served in other DOE buildings.

SACS is a CMO that currently operates 18 public charter schools in New York City, including six new schools serving students for the first time in 2013-2014. The four SACS schools that received a Progress Report for the 2011-2012 school year all received an overall grade of A.

In addition, there is one Community Based Organization (“CBO”) occupying space in M149/M207: the Harlem Children’s Zone – Harlem Gems Program. The Harlem Gems Program is a universal pre-kindergarten program that prepares four-year-old children for entry into kindergarten. This proposal is not anticipated to impact the continued siting of this organization in M149/M207.

According to the 2011-2012 Enrollment, Capacity, Utilization Report (“Blue Book”), M149/M207 has a combined target capacity to serve 1,205 students. During the 2013-2014 school year, the buildings serve a total of approximately 1,104 students, yielding a building utilization rate of 92%. In 2018-2019, when SA – Harlem 4 has reached full scale in M149/M207 serving students in grades five through eight and the reduction of future enrollment at P811M@M149 has occurred, M149/M207 is projected to serve approximately 1,396-1,593 students, yielding a building utilization rate of 116%-132%.

Although a projected 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 or different use of administrative space, contributing to building utilization rates above 100% while not impacting the utilization of the space allocated to the traditional public school(s) in the building.

The DOE supports the co-location of grades five through eight of SA – Harlem 4 in M149/M207 beginning in 2014-2015. This proposal is intended to create a long-term site for SA – Harlem 4’s students in grades five through eight and allow SACS to continue providing high-quality educational opportunities for students in Manhattan.

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

An Educational Impact Statement and second revised Building Utilization Plan describing the proposal are available at: <http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2013-2014/Oct15SchoolProposals>

Copies of the EIS and second revised BUP are also available in the main offices of the schools in M149 and M207, as well as the P.S. M811 Mickey Mantle's School's other sites.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D03Proposals@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 10, 2013
6:00 p.m.
Building M149 and M207
34 West 118th Street
New York, NY 10026

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