



Notice
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Chancellor

The Proposed Co-location of a New Public Elementary Charter School, Success Academy Charter School – New York 1 (84MTBD), with Existing Schools The Urban Assembly School for Emergency Management (02M135) and Murry Bergtraum High School for Business Careers (02M520) in Building M520 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 co-locate the kindergarten through fourth grades of Success Academy Charter School – New York 1 (84MTBD, “SA – New York 1”), a new public elementary charter school, in building M520 (“M520”) with district high schools The Urban Assembly School for Emergency Management (02M135, “UA-EM”) and Murry Bergtraum High School for Business Careers (02M520, “Bergtraum”) beginning in the 2014-2015 school year.

On March 11, 2013, the Panel for Educational Policy (“PEP”) approved a proposal to site Stephen T. Mather Building Arts & Craftsmanship High School (02M139, “Mather”) at M520 beginning in the 2013-2014 school year. On March 11, 2013, the PEP also approved a proposal to site UA-EM in building M625 (“M625”) beginning in the 2013-2014 school year. As a result of facilities assessments that occurred after the PEP approved Mather’s siting in M520, the United States National Park Service (“NPS”), Mather’s industry partner, and the DOE determined that M520 is an inappropriate site for Mather because the building cannot accommodate the lab space that Mather’s specialized curriculum requires. . Building M625, on the other hand, is able to offer Mather the required lab space. This determination came too late in the year to propose the re-siting of Mather for the 2013-2014 school year. The DOE is therefore proposing to re-site Mather to M625 and UA-EM to M520 beginning with the 2014-2015 school year. UA – EM will receive its required standard lab space in M520. Re-siting UA-EM to M520 and re-siting Mather to M625 will ensure that both schools are located in facilities that can support their respective instructional needs.

For the purposes of this proposal, it is assumed that these re-siting proposals will be approved. If they are not approved, the DOE will amend this co-location proposal as appropriate.

M520 is located at 411 Pearl Street, New York, NY 10038, within the geographical confines of Community School District 2 (“District 2”). If this proposal is approved, SA – New York 1 will open in the 2014-2015 school year serving 150-210 students in kindergarten and first grade and will add one grade each year until it reaches full scale in M520, serving students in kindergarten through fourth grade in the 2017-2018 school year. SA – New York 1 is projected to serve 450-600 students in kindergarten through fourth grade when it reaches stable enrollment in the 2018-2019 school year.

Bergtraum is an existing district high school serving students in grades nine through twelve that admits students through the Citywide High School Admissions Process. The DOE is planning to reduce the enrollment at Bergtraum by approximately 400 - 450 students over a period of four years beginning in September 2014. By 2017-2018, enrollment at Bergtraum will decrease by approximately 400-450 students so that it will serve 1,055 - 1,095 students at scale in ninth through twelfth grades. This enrollment reduction will take place regardless of whether the proposals to re-site Mather to M625, to re-site UA-EM into M520, and to co-locate SA – New York 1 in M520 are approved.

If this proposal is approved, SA – New York 1 will be co-located in M520 with UA-EM and Bergtraum. UA-EM is an existing district high school that will, in the 2013-2014 school year, operate in M625, located at 439 West 49th Street, Manhattan, NY 10019. It will offer a rigorous academic program with a career and technical education component that prepares students for post-secondary education and work. UA-EM will move from M625 prior to the beginning of its second year of operation, the 2014-2015 school year, into M520 and will continue to add one grade per year until it reaches full scale in M520 and serves students in grades nine through twelve in the 2016-2017 school year.

SA – New York 1 has submitted a preliminary application for charter authorization from the State University of New York Trustees (“SUNY”) to serve students in kindergarten through fifth grades. This proposal deals only with the kindergarten through fourth grades of SA – New York 1. Any future proposal to co-locate any other grade levels of SA – New York 1 would be addressed in a separate Education Impact Statement (“EIS”) subject to another vote by the PEP. The proposal to co-locate SA – New York 1 in M520 described in this EIS is contingent upon SUNY’s approval of SA – New York 1’s application for charter authorization. Only SUNY has the authority to approve or deny SA – New York 1’s application for charter authorization. If SUNY does not approve SA – New York 1’s charter application, this proposal will not be implemented. Should SUNY deny SA – New York 1’s application, the DOE may propose an alternate use of space in M520 that involves a significant change in school utilization, which would be the subject of a future EIS in accordance with Chancellor’s Regulation A-190. For the purposes of this proposal, it is assumed that SUNY will approve SA – New York 1’s application.

If this proposal is approved, SA – New York 1 will open in August 2014 and will serve approximately 150-210 students in kindergarten and first grade, and the school will add one grade each year until it reaches full scale in 2018-2019. At that time, SA – New York 1 will serve approximately 450-600 students in kindergarten through fourth grade. The school would admit students via the charter lottery application process.

According to the 2011-2012 Enrollment, Capacity, Utilization Report (“Blue Book”), M520 has a target capacity to serve 2,134 students. However the building is expected to serve approximately 1,614 students in the 2013-2014 school year, yielding a building utilization rate of 76%. This means that the building is “under-utilized” and has space to accommodate additional students.

In addition to the schools, M520 houses four community-based organizations (“CBOs”): Young Women’s Christian Association (“YWCA NYC”), APEX Inc., SPARK Drug Prevention and Baruch/BMCC College, as well as offices of the United Federation of Teachers (“UFT”). This proposal is not expected to impact the continued siting of the CBOs or the UFT offices. M520 also houses hearing education services, which is a self-contained program offered in consultation with District 75, serving students who are deaf or hard of hearing. This proposal is not expected to impact the hearing education services currently offered in the M520 building.

Beginning in the 2013-2014 school year, the DOE and School Construction Authority (“SCA”) are creating a school-based health clinic (“SBHC”) in M520. This proposal is not expected to impact the construction, creation or continued siting of the SBHC in M520. The ultimate construction, creation and siting of the SBHC are dependent on the SCA’s assessment of facilities and funding only.

If this proposal is approved, the building will serve approximately 1,925 - 2,155 students and have a utilization rate of 90% - 101% in the 2018-2019 school year, when all schools, including SA - New York 1, have reached full scale and stable enrollment in M520. As discussed in Section III.B and in the attached Building Utilization Plan (“BUP”), while the utilization rate may be in excess of 100 percent, all schools will receive space that meets their instructional needs and the building has space to accommodate Bergtraum, UA-EM, and SA – New York 1.

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 all schools mentioned above.

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 hearing for this proposal.

October 9, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.
Building M520
411 Pearl Street
New York, NY 10038

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