



Notice  
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Chancellor

## **AMENDED EDUCATIONAL IMPACT STATEMENT: The Proposed Opening and Co-location of a New District Middle School (18K763) with Existing School P.S. 244 Richard R. Green (18K244), in Building K244 Beginning in 2014-2015**

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

On August 29, 2013 the New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) issued an Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) describing a proposal to co-locate a new district middle school 18K763 (“18K763”) in school building K244 (“K244”) beginning in the 2014-2015 school year. K244 is located at 5404 Tilden Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11203, in Community School District 18 (“District 18”). If this proposal is approved, 18K763 will be co-located with P.S. 244 Richard R. Green (18K244, “P.S. 244”), an existing zoned district elementary school that serves students in kindergarten through fifth grades and offers four sections of half-day pre-kindergarten. P.S. 244 also offers an Autism Spectrum Disorders Nest (“ASD Nest”) program for students in kindergarten through fifth grade, where students with autism spectrum disorders (“ASD”) are taught in a classroom alongside general education students.

If this proposal is approved, 18K763 will open in 2014-2015 with sixth grade, and add one grade per year until it reaches full-scale serving sixth through eighth grades in 2016-2017. 18K763 will admit students using a limited unscreened admissions method.

An amended EIS has now been posted. The amended EIS clarifies that P.S. 244 admits elementary school students, and eliminates language that incorrectly indicated that P.S. 244 admits students through the middle school application process.

According to the 2011-2012 Enrollment Capacity Utilization Report (the “Blue Book”), building K244 has a target capacity of 1,180 students. In 2013-2014, P.S. 244 is serving 720 kindergarten through fifth-grade students and 36 pre-kindergarten students. This yields a projected utilization rate of approximately 64%. This means that the building is “underutilized” and has space to accommodate additional students. In 2016-2017, when 18K763 reaches full-scale, P.S. 244 and 18K763 will serve a combined total of 976-1,066 students, yielding an estimated building utilization rate of 83%-90%. Thus, K244 has sufficient space to accommodate the proposed co-location.

The DOE strives to ensure that all students in New York City have access to a high quality school at every stage of their education. There are currently twelve DOE middle schools in District 18, and the proposed opening and co-location of 18K763 is intended to provide access to an additional middle school option for students in the district.

Additionally, the K244 building is currently underutilized. This means that the space in the building is not being used as efficiently as possible and could be used to create or support new educational opportunities for District 18 families.

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

The amended 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 amended EIS are also available in P.S. 244 Richard R. Green's main office.

## **III. Submission of public comment.**

Written comments can be sent to [D18Proposals@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:D18Proposals@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 hearing for this proposal.**

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

K244 Building

5404 Tilden Avenue

Brooklyn, NY 11203

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

Prospect Heights Campus

883 Classon Ave

Brooklyn, NY 11225

