**Amended Notice**
September 18, 2013

**Dennis M. Walcott**
*Chancellor*

# The Proposed Permanent Co-location of Invictus Preparatory Charter School (84K386) in Building K218 with Existing Schools J.H.S. 218 James P. Sinnott (19K218) and The School for Classics: An Academy of Thinkers, Writers and Performers (19K683) Beginning in the 2014-2015 School Year

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

Invictus Preparatory Charter School (84K386, "Invictus") is an existing public charter school that currently serves grades five through seven, and is in the process of phasing in to serve students in grades five through eight, in building K218 ("K218") located at 370 Fountain Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11208 in Community School District 19 ("District 19"). Invictus is co-located with J.H.S. 218 James P. Sinnott (19K218, "J.H.S. 218"), an existing middle school that serves students in sixth through eighth grades, and The School for Classics: An Academy of Thinkers, Writers and Performers (19K683, "The School for Classics"), an existing high school that currently serves students in ninth through twelfth grades. Building K218 also provides space to Beacon, a community-based organization ("CBO"), which runs an after school program.

On June 27, 2011 the Panel for Educational Policy ("PEP") approved a revised proposal, issued on May 26, 2011, to co-locate Invictus at K218 from the 2011-2012 through 2014-2015 school years. The approved proposal stated that the DOE would evaluate the space available in K218 and other District 19 locations and issue a new Educational Impact Statement ("EIS") for the long-term siting of Invictus, based on the most appropriate space available for the 2015-2016 school year and beyond. The DOE has determined that K218 is the most appropriate space for a long-term siting of this school. This proposal to co-locate Invictus in K218 permanently supersedes the temporary co-location proposal approved by the PEP on June 27, 2011.

Invictus is a public charter school that is authorized by the State University of New York's Trustees ("SUNY") to serve students in fifth through eighth grades. As stated previously, Invictus currently serves students in fifth through seventh grades and is phasing in to serve fifth- through eighth-grade students at full scale in 2014-2015. The school admits students via the charter lottery application process, with a preference given to District 19 residents and siblings of current students.

J.H.S. 218 admits students through the District 19 Middle School Choice Process into two middle school programs: the James P. Sinnott (J.H.S. 218) Zoned Program and the James P. Sinnott (J.H.S. 218) Screened Application Program. Additional information about the District 19

Middle School Choice Process and J.H.S. 218's admissions processes is provided in Section III.A of the EIS.

The School for Classics enrolls students through the Citywide High School Admissions Process and uses a limited unscreened admissions method.

According to the 2011-2012 Enrollment Capacity Utilization Report ("Blue Book"), K218 has a target capacity to serve 1,253 students. In 2013-2014 the building is serving approximately 993 students, yielding a building utilization rate of approximately 79%. If this proposal is approved, in 2014-2015, once Invictus' fifth through eighth grades have fully phased in and the school has reached full scale, Invictus is projected to serve approximately 320-420 students. J.H.S. 218 is projected to serve approximately 380-410 students, and The School for Classics is expected to serve approximately 280-320 students, for a total of approximately 980-1,150 students served in K218, yielding a building utilization rate of approximately 78%-92%. As detailed in the attached Building Utilization Plan ("BUP"), all schools will receive space that meets their instructional needs, and the building has space to accommodate Invictus, J.H.S. 218, and The School for Classics.

**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 main offices of Invictus, J.H.S. 218, and The School for Classics.

**III. Submission of public comment.**

Written comments can be sent to D19Proposals@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.**

Name: Estelle Acquah
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**V. Date, time and place of joint public hearings for this proposal.**

The joint public hearing for this proposal was originally scheduled for Tuesday, October 8, 2013. Please note that the joint public hearing has been rescheduled for Thursday, October 10, 2013. Further details on the joint public hearing date and location are included below.

October 10, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.
370 Fountain Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11208

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 Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11225