



**Department of
Education**

Carmen Fariña, Chancellor

Notice

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The Proposed Consolidation of Global Neighborhood Secondary School (04M381) with P.S. 96 Joseph Lanzetta (04M096) in Building M096 Beginning in the 2016-2017 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 consolidate Global Neighborhood Secondary School (04M381, “Global Neighborhood”), an existing middle school that currently serves students in sixth through eighth grades, with P.S. 96 Joseph Lanzetta (04M096, “P.S. 96”), an existing school serving students in kindergarten through eighth grades and a pre-kindergarten program, in building M096 (“M096”), located at 216 East 120th Street, New York, NY 10035, beginning in the 2016-2017 school year. The DOE is proposing to consolidate Global Neighborhood with P.S. 96 because Global Neighborhood has struggled with low enrollment, which creates budgetary and programmatic challenges. A “consolidation” means that two or more existing school organizations are combined into one school to operate and serve students more effectively. If this proposal is approved, Global Neighborhood and P.S. 96 will be combined such that students, staff, and resources of Global Neighborhood will become part of P.S. 96, and Global Neighborhood will no longer exist as a distinct school option as of the 2016-2017 school year.

P.S. 96 and Global Neighborhood are currently co-located in building M096. 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. Building M096 also houses a community-based organization (“CBO”), Global Kids. If this proposal is approved, Global Kids will continue to provide services and maintain its space in M096.

The New York State Education Department (“SED”) assigns an accountability status to each district school—Good Standing, Local Assistance Plan, Focus, or Priority. If this proposal is approved, the newly consolidated school would not inherit the state accountability status of Global Neighborhood. Rather, the state accountability status of P.S. 96 would remain. P.S. 96 is identified as a Local Assistance Plan School (“LAP”).

Global Neighborhood was previously identified as a Priority School and was implementing

a School Innovation Fund (SIF) plan. For school year 2015-2016 the school was de-identified as a Priority School and is now a school in “Good Standing”; however, the school continues to implement its SIF plan in 2015-2016. For school year 2016-2017, SIF funding will be lost due to the consolidation of the school with P.S. 96.

The DOE is proposing to consolidate Global Neighborhood with P.S. 96 based primarily on the benefits students would derive from the additional resources made available by consolidating the two school organizations into one. If this proposal is approved, students attending the consolidated P.S. 96 will have access to a wider variety of academic and enrichment opportunities, interventions, and other supports that would not be financially feasible for either individual school to offer in the absence of a consolidation.

Building M096 has the capacity to serve a total of 738 students. If this proposal is approved, P.S. 96 will absorb the enrollment of Global Neighborhood and will serve a projected 506-596 students in kindergarten through eighth grades and two sections of pre-kindergarten in the 2016-2017 school year. This will result in a total projected building enrollment of 506-596 students in M096, yielding a building utilization rate of 69%-81%. This proposal is not expected to significantly change the total building enrollment since the schools already operate in the same building.

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

The Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) can be found on the Department of Education’s Web site at:

<http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2015-2016/November2015SchoolProposals>

Copies of the EIS are also available in the main offices of P.S. 96 and Global Neighborhood.

III. Submission of public comment.

Members of the public who wish to provide comments are encouraged to attend the joint public hearing for this proposal and share their feedback in person. Members of the public that do not provide comments at the hearing may also provide oral or written comments as described below. All comments must be submitted at least 24 hours in advance of the Panel for Educational Policy (“PEP”) meeting at which this proposal is subject to a vote in order to be mentioned in the Public Comment Analysis to be published and provided to the PEP the evening before the PEP votes.

Written comments can be sent to D04Proposals@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.

Name: Eric Herman
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Address: 52 Chambers Street, New York, NY 10038
Email: D04Proposals@schools.nyc.gov
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V. Date, time and place of the joint public hearing for this proposal.

November 10, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.
Building M096
P.S. 96/Global Neighborhood
216 East 120th Street
New York, NY 10035

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 of the hearing.

VI. Date, time and place of the PEP meeting at which the PEP will vote on the proposed item.

November 19, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.
Building M131
M.S. 131
100 Hester Street
New York, NY 10002