



**Department of  
Education**

*Carmen Fariña, Chancellor*

**Notice**

November 13, 2015

## **Amended: The Proposed Re-Siting of P.S. 211 (24Q211) To New Building Q298 Beginning in the 2017-2018 School Year**

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

On October 2, 2015, the New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) issued an Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) describing a proposal to re-site P.S. 211 (24Q211, “P.S. 211”) to new building Q298 (“Q298”) beginning in the 2017-2018 school year. A “re-siting” means that a school will be located in a building different from the building in which the school currently serves its students. P.S. 211 is an existing un-zoned elementary school that serves students who are overflowed from their zoned schools in the Corona and Elmhurst neighborhoods of Community School District 24 (“District 24”). P.S. 211 opened in the 2013-2014 school year in its current location, building Q269 (“Q269”).

The EIS for this proposal has been amended to remove all language and information related to a separate proposal to temporarily re-site a portion of P.S. 19 Marino Jeantet (24Q019, “P.S. 19”) to Q269 for the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 school years. The proposal to re-site a portion of P.S. 19 to Q269 for the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 school years has been withdrawn from the November Panel for Educational Policy (“PEP”) meeting.

The EIS for this proposal has also been amended to update building Q269’s capacity and utilization rates per the 2014-2015 Enrollment, Capacity, and Utilization Report (“Blue Book”) data. The enrollment data has also been updated within this EIS to reflect the 2015-2016 unaudited register data as of November 2, 2015.

According to the School Construction Authority’s (“SCA”) 2015-2019 Capital Plan, there is funding for new capacity in District 24. New building Q298 is one of the projects planned with the use of those funds. Construction on the Q298 building is anticipated to be completed in the summer of 2017 and prior to the start of the 2017-2018 school year. Moving P.S. 211 to Q298 is anticipated to increase the elementary school seat capacity in District 24 and provide P.S. 211 a permanent building to serve its students long-term.

Building Q298 will be located at 50-51 98<sup>th</sup> Street, Queens, NY 11368, in District 24. P.S. 211 is an existing un-zoned elementary school that currently serves students in kindergarten through second grade in building Q269, located at 86-37 53<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Queens, NY 11373, in District 24. P.S. 211 is phasing in to serve students in kindergarten through fifth grade at scale and is currently co-located in building Q269 with a portion of the kindergarten of P.S. 19. P.S. 19 is an existing elementary school serving students in kindergarten through fifth grade.

If this proposal is approved, P.S. 211 will be re-sited to Q298 beginning in the 2017-2018 school year. P.S. 211 will no longer serve any students in Q269 following the conclusion of the 2016-2017 school year and will serve all its students in Q298 beginning in the 2017-2018 school year. When it moves to Q298 in the 2017-2018 school year, P.S. 211 will serve students in kindergarten through fourth grade. P.S. 211 will reach full grade-span scale in the 2018-2019 school year when it will serve students in kindergarten through fifth grade in Q298.

According to the SCA, Q298 will have the capacity to serve a total of 796 students.<sup>1</sup> If this proposal is approved, P.S. 211 is projected to serve approximately 450-500 kindergarten through fourth-grade students at Q298 in the 2017-2018 school year. This will yield a building utilization rate of 57%-63%.<sup>2</sup> In the 2018-2019 school year, when P.S. 211 is at scale and serving students in kindergarten through fifth grade, it will serve approximately 595-655 students in building Q298, yielding a building utilization rate of 75%-82%. While P.S. 211 will be at scale in the 2018-2019 school year, the entering kindergarten cohorts will increase to align with the increased capacity of building Q298. Once P.S. 211's enrollment stabilizes in the 2022-2023 school year, the school will serve approximately 870-930 kindergarten through fifth grade students in building Q298, yielding a building utilization rate of 109%-117%. Q298 will be located approximately 1.3 miles from Q269, P.S. 211's current location.

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

The Amended Educational Impact Statement ("EIS") can be found on the Department of Education's Web site: <http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2015-2016/November2015SchoolProposals>.

Copies of the EIS are also available in the main office of P.S. 211.

## **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 who 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 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 Panel the evening before the Panel votes.

Written comments can be sent to [D24Proposals@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:D24Proposals@schools.nyc.gov)

Oral comments can be left at 212-374-7621

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<sup>1</sup> The official target capacity and utilization rates for Q298 for the 2017-2018 school year and beyond are not yet available. All references to Q298 building utilization rates in this document are based on the designed capacity of building Q298 as per the Program of Requirements ("POR") from the SCA.

<sup>2</sup> All references to building utilization rates in this document are based on target capacity data from the designed capacity of building Q298 as per the POR from the SCA and the 2015-2016 Unaudited Register as of November 2, 2015. This methodology is consistent with the manner in which the DOE conducts planning and calculates space allocations and funding for all schools.

**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 hearings for this proposal.**

November 12, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.  
P.S. 211  
86-37 53rd Avenue  
Queens, New York 11373

The joint public hearing for this proposal took place on November 12, 2015. The DOE will continue to accept comments as indicated in section III and IV above.

**VI. Date, time and place of the Panel for Educational Policy meeting at which the Panel will vote on the proposed item.**

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