

### Public Comment Analysis

Date: November 18, 2015

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

Date of Panel Vote: November 19, 2015

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### Summary of Proposal

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. 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 The proposal to re-site a portion of P.S. 19 to Q269 for the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 school years has been withdrawn from the November Panel for Educational Policy (“PEP”) meeting.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 98th 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 53rd 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. 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%. 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.

The details of this proposal have been released in an EIS which can be accessed here:  
<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.

### **Summary of Comments Received at the Joint Public Hearing**

The joint public hearing for this proposal was held on November 12, 2015 in building Q269. At this hearing, interested parties had an opportunity to provide input on the proposal. Approximately 4 members of the public attended the hearing. Present at the meeting were District 24 Community Superintendent Madelene Chan; Community Education Council 24 ("CEC 24") member Angelica Salgado; Principal of P.S. 211 Donna Estro; P.S. 211 School Leadership Team ("SLT") representative Kristen Niven; and Albery Corona and Hallie Martin from the DOE.

The following comments and remarks were made at the joint public hearing on the proposal:

1. Angelica Salgado, member of CEC 24, expressed support for the proposal.

### **Summary of Issues Raised in Written and/or Oral Comments Submitted to the DOE**

No written comments were received via the dedicated email address for this proposal.

No oral comments were received via the dedicated phone line for this proposal.

### **Analysis of Issues Raised and Significant Alternatives Proposed**

Comment 1 is in support of the proposal and thus does not require a response.

### **Changes Made to the Proposal**

No changes were made to the proposal.