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**NEW YORK CITY  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
DIVISION OF PORTFOLIO  
PLANNING  
Beginning with Children II -  
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2 MALE VOICE 1: Okay?

3 MS. CARRIE HARLAN: [phonetic] Good evening.  
4 Before beginning the formal proceedings we would  
5 like to take a moment to acknowledge first and  
6 foremost the very unexpected death this morning  
7 of Superintendent Fortunato - - Rubino. This  
8 marks an incredible loss for the IS 318  
9 [phonetic] community, the District 14 community,  
10 for Brooklyn and most significantly, for  
11 Superintendent Rubino's family. Superintendent  
12 Rubino was a dedicated educator who for thirty  
13 years affected the lives of countless students.  
14 Twenty-eight of those years were spent at IS  
15 318, the past ten as principal. His loss will  
16 be felt deeply by students and families across  
17 District 14 and New York City at large. On  
18 behalf of Chancellor Dennis Walcott [phonetic]  
19 and the New York City Department of Education  
20 and offer sincere condolences to Superintendent  
21 Rubino's family and friends during this very  
22 difficult time. Accordingly, I, Carrie Harlan,  
23 Director of Brooklyn Planning for the Office of  
24 Portfolio Management will be acting as the  
25 Chancellor's designee for tonight's proceedings.

1 This is a joint public hearing of the  
2 Department of Education Community Education  
3 Council and the School Leadership Team's for the  
4 proposed co-location of Beginning with Children  
5 Charter School II 84KTBD with existing schools  
6 Juan Morale Compos [phonetic] Secondary School  
7 14KM71 and P141K at I071K in building K071  
8 beginning in 2012-2013. We have asked the  
9 District 14 Community Education Council and the  
10 School Leadership Teams of Juan Morale Compos  
11 Secondary School and 75K141 to participate in  
12 this joint public hearing. I am joined tonight  
13 by Principal Michelle Thornton Manno [phonetic]  
14 of the 75K141 School Leadership Team, Principal  
15 Howard Fineman [phonetic] of the Juan Morale  
16 Campos School Leadership Team and am also joined  
17 on the dais by Maureen Murphy [phonetic] of  
18 State University of New York's Charter School in  
19 - - . This hearing is being recorded. The  
20 purpose of this hearing is for you to provide  
21 comments about the proposal. Before I describe  
22 the proposal I want to make sure you are all  
23 aware of the opportunity to provide your input.  
24 All those who wish to speak must sign up in the  
25 speaker sign up area located just outside the

1 auditorium. The sign up list will close in  
2 fifteen minutes. Speakers will be given the  
3 floor in the order that they sign up. All  
4 comments are limited to two minutes. There may  
5 be elected officials who arrive at different  
6 times throughout the evening. If they wish to  
7 speak we will do our best to accommodate them at  
8 the first opportune moment. Those who are here  
9 at the start of the public comments segment will  
10 be asked to speak first. All comments will be  
11 mentioned in the analysis of public comment to  
12 be published and provided to the panel for  
13 educational policy the evening before the panel  
14 votes. That vote is scheduled for April 26,  
15 2012 and is currently scheduled to take place at  
16 the Prospect Heights campus at 883 Clawson  
17 Avenue [phonetic] Brooklyn, New York, 11225. In  
18 addition, we welcome any comments and feedback  
19 you may have at any time before the panel votes  
20 on this proposal. The email address and phone  
21 number where comments may be made are  
22 D14proposals@schools.nyc.gov, that's D as in  
23 District 14proposals@schools.nyc.gov and 212-  
24 374-0208. That's 212-374-0208. Beginning with  
25 Children Charter School II has been approved by

1 its charter authorizer, The State University of  
2 New York's Charter School Institute or SUNY to  
3 open a new public charter school in Community  
4 School District 14. Although this proposal has  
5 not yet been approved by the Panel for  
6 Educational Policy, SUNY is required to hold a  
7 facilities hearing to receive feedback on the  
8 proposed co-location of Beginning With Children  
9 Charter School II with Juan Morale Campos  
10 Secondary School and the 75K141. As such, this  
11 joint public hearing will also serve as the  
12 facilities hearing. There is a representative  
13 from SUNY in attendance. If you have any  
14 questions or comments on the charter itself  
15 Maureen Murphy of SUNY will now tell you how to  
16 submit those questions and comments.

17 MS. MAUREEN MURPHY: Good evening. The  
18 charter school we are discussing tonight,  
19 Beginning with Children Charter School II is  
20 authorized by the State Board of Trustees during  
21 2011. The Education Law requires that SUNY hold  
22 a public hearing to discuss the proposed  
23 location of the charter school on one of it's  
24 schools it authorizes as proposed to moving to  
25 an existing public school building. The purpose

1 of this hearing is to receive the comments  
2 related to the proposed location of the charter  
3 school. SUNY is conducting this hearing now at  
4 the same time as the DOE as we rely on the DOE  
5 to help us notify parents and guardians and to  
6 arrange the hearing location. However, SUNY has  
7 to make its own determination regarding the  
8 school use and the space. SUNY will not make  
9 its final determination until after the decision  
10 of the PDP. Beginning with Children Charter  
11 School II is a new charter school that will  
12 serve a hundred children in kindergarten and  
13 first grades in the 2012 and '13 school year. I  
14 will be taking notes on all oral comments made  
15 tonight. In addition, anyone who would like to  
16 may give me written comments this evening or you  
17 can mail them to SUNY Charter Schools Institute,  
18 41 State Street, Suite 700, Albany, NY, 12207 or  
19 by fax to 518-427-6510 or by email to  
20 charters@suny.edu. Written testimony or  
21 statements must be received no later than May  
22 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012. Thank you.

23 MS. HARLAN: The New York City Department of  
24 Education, DOE, is proposing the site, Beginning  
25 With Children Charter School II 84KTD in

1 building K071 located at 215 Heywood Street in  
2 Brooklyn's Community School District 14,  
3 beginning in 2012-2013. Beginning with Children  
4 Charter School II is a new public charter school  
5 that has been approved by its authorizer, the  
6 State University of New York Charter School's  
7 Institute, or SUNY, to service students in  
8 kindergarten through fifth grade. Beginning  
9 With Children Charter School II will be co-  
10 located in K071 with the existing secondary  
11 school Juan Morale Campos Secondary School which  
12 serves students in grades six through twelve and  
13 P141K at IO71K an existing site of the District  
14 75 School 75K141 serving students in sixth  
15 through twelfth grades in twelve - - to four,  
16 eight to one inclusion and nine to one inclusion  
17 settings. K071 also houses one community based  
18 organization, College Bound, which offers  
19 college counseling to Juan Morale Campos  
20 secondary school community. Co-location means  
21 that two or more school organizations are  
22 located in the same building and they share  
23 common spaces like the auditoriums, gymnasiums  
24 and cafeterias. According to the 2010-2011  
25 enrollment capacity organization report or the

1 blue book, K071 has the capacity to serve one  
2 thousand four hundred and thirty-four students.  
3 Currently the building serves nine hundred and  
4 seven students yielding a building - - rate of  
5 approximately sixty-three percent. If this  
6 proposal is approved in 2012-2013, the first  
7 year of the proposed co-location, Beginning with  
8 Children Charter School II will serve  
9 approximately ninety to a hundred and ten  
10 students in kindergarten and first grades.  
11 Beginning With Children Charter School II will  
12 then add one grade each year until it serves  
13 approximately two hundred seventy to three  
14 hundred and thirty students in kindergarten  
15 through fifth grades in 2016-2017. At that time  
16 K071 is projected to serve approximately one  
17 thousand, one hundred and twenty-six to one  
18 thousand, two hundred and fifty-eight students  
19 enrolled in Juan Morale Campos Secondary School,  
20 P121K and IO71K and Beginning With Children  
21 Charter School II, yielding an estimated  
22 building utilization rate of seventy-nine  
23 percent to eighty-eight percent. This K071 has  
24 sufficient space to accommodate the proposed co-  
25 location. The Beginning With Children

1 Foundation is a non profit organization and  
2 currently operates two charter schools;  
3 Beginning With Children Charter School 84K703  
4 located in Community School District 14 at 11  
5 Barker Street, Brooklyn, New York, 11206 and  
6 Community Partnership Charter School 84K72  
7 located in Community School District 13 at 241  
8 Emerson Place, Brooklyn, New York, 11205. The  
9 DOE believes in the potential of Beginning With  
10 Children Charter School II and supports the  
11 placing of this charter school in District 14 in  
12 order to continue providing educational options  
13 for students and families. There will be no  
14 formal presentations this evening so we have now  
15 concluded the formal presentations. We will now  
16 open the floor for public comments. Speakers  
17 will be given the floor in the order they signed  
18 up. All comments are limited to two minutes.  
19 Our first speaker is David Dubose [phonetic].  
20 MR. DAVID DUBOSE: Hi, I'm David Dubose.  
21 I'm a community resident, a parent, and a member  
22 of the South Side Community Schools Coalition.  
23 When Beginning with Children started its first  
24 school the community welcomed it because it  
25 seemed like an honest option. They were going

1 to have a building. They were not going to  
2 impact on other schools. We have a history of  
3 strong growth schools in the neighborhood and it  
4 - - a lot like the choices parents would have in  
5 some of those schools that have their own  
6 buildings. But now that Beginning with Children  
7 has become a network we are beginning to see  
8 signs that trouble many of us because they are  
9 looking like they're taking their clue from Eva  
10 Moskowitz [phonetic] and her Success Academies.  
11 I would like Beginning with Children to explain  
12 why in any of the schools these glossy cards  
13 came and they came as an option both for  
14 Beginning with Children I and Beginning with  
15 Children II, just like Eva Moskowitz's school  
16 and flooding the neighborhood with all our many  
17 options here. Also, the co-location concern is  
18 a large one. We don't know yet how enrollment  
19 at Beginning With Children is going to go, if  
20 they're going the co-location route, but we know  
21 what Eva Moskowitz has done and I will say to  
22 Principal Fineman, if you ever sense that  
23 anything predatory is beginning to go on would  
24 you please let the community know. Because many  
25 of us who supported Beginning I are now

1 extremely worried that the climate is such  
2 that we can have that kind of predatory behavior  
3 on our public schools begin to take place here  
4 now that Eva Moskowitz has been setting the  
5 tone, and perhaps Beginning With Children is  
6 going to follow. We're going to need to watch  
7 this operation closely. Thank you.

8 MS. HARLAN: I don't believe there's anyone  
9 else signed up for public comment. The speaker  
10 list is now exhausted. In closing, I want to  
11 thank everyone for making time to attend  
12 tonight's hearing in support of your respective  
13 schools and the D14 community. Again, we  
14 welcome any comments and feedback you may have  
15 at any time before the panel for educational  
16 policy votes on this proposal at its April 26<sup>th</sup>  
17 meeting. The email address and phone number  
18 where comments may be made are  
19 D14proposals@schools.nyc.gov and 212-374-0208.  
20 Thank you for your participation. This joint  
21 public hearing is now closed.

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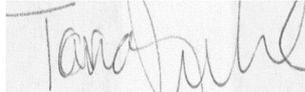
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The prior proceedings were transcribed from audio files and have been transcribed to the best of my ability.

Signature

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Date 4/5/12