



Notice
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Chancellor

The Proposed Closure of Automotive High School (14K610) and Opening and Co-Location of a New High School (14K434) with Frances Perkins Academy (14K632) in Building K610 Beginning in 2012-2013

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

The New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) is proposing to close Automotive High School (14K610, “Automotive”), an existing district high school in building K610, located at 50 Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11222, within the geographical confines of Community School District 14. It currently serves students in grades nine through twelve. The DOE is proposing to immediately replace Automotive High School with New School (14K434, “New School”), a new district high school serving students in grades nine through twelve in building K610. If this proposal is approved, Automotive High School will close at the conclusion of the 2011-2012 school year. All current students who have not graduated before the start of the 2012-2013 school year will be guaranteed a seat and automatically enrolled in New School.

Automotive High School is co-located with Frances Perkins Academy (14K632, “Frances Perkins”), an existing district high school that currently serves students in grades nine through twelve. Frances Perkins has a limited unscreened admissions method. A limited unscreened program gives priority to students who demonstrate interest in the school by attending a school’s Information Session or Open House events or visiting the school’s exhibit at any one of the High School Fairs. Students must sign in at these events in order to receive priority for admission to the school’s programs. In addition, K610 houses a Young Adult Borough Center (“YABC”). 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.

Automotive High School offers five Career and Technical Education (“CTE”) programs in four career clusters. Automotive admits students through the Citywide High School Admissions Process through the educational option and Limited Unscreended methods. It offers four different admissions programs under the Engineering interest area, including 1) Automotive Service Center Specialist, 2) Automotive Business Technology, Computer Repair and Electronics, 3) Auto Body Repair Technician, and 4) Pre-Engineering. Frances Perkins offers one CTE program in the Humanities and Interdisciplinary interest area and admits students through the Citywide High School Admissions Process through a Limited Unscreended method. Additional information about CTE programming and the High School Admissions Process is contained in Sections III.A

and III.C of this proposal.

The DOE strives to ensure that all students in New York City have access to a high-quality school at every stage of their education. By closing Automotive High School and replacing it with New School, the DOE is seeking to expeditiously improve educational quality in building K610. If this proposal is approved, New School will develop rigorous, school-specific competencies to measure and screen prospective staff – including Automotive High School staff who apply to work at New School. Based on these criteria, and in accordance with the staffing requirements in Article 18-D of the DOE’s existing contract with the United Federation of Teachers (“UFT”), New School will put in place a process aimed at hiring the best possible staff, thus immediately improving teacher quality and, by extension, improving the quality of learning. New School plans to develop new programs and school supports that are intended to improve student outcomes. By improving the quality of teaching and learning in the school, DOE also will increase New School’s chance of receiving up to \$950,000 in supplemental federal funding under the federal School Improvement Grant (“SIG”) program. New School will build on the strongest elements of Automotive High School and incorporate new elements, including new talent, designed to better meet student needs. Thus, the immediate closure and replacement of Automotive High School with New School should give students access to a higher-quality educational option while they continue to attend school 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: <http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2011-2012/April2012Proposals>.

Copies of the EIS are also available in the main offices of Automotive High School and Frances Perkins Academy.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D14Proposals@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.

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V. Date, time and place of joint public hearings for this proposal.

March 28, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.
Automotive High School
50 Bedford Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11222

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.

April 26, 2012 at 6:00 P.M.
Prospect Heights Campus
883 Classon Ave
Brooklyn, NY 11225