



Notice
February 27, 2012

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Chancellor

The Proposed Closure of William Cullen Bryant High School (30Q445) and Opening of a New High School (30Q364) in Building Q445 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 William Cullen Bryant High School (30Q445, “W.C. Bryant”), an existing district high school in buildings Q445 (“Q445”) and Q949, a transportable classroom unit, located at 48-10 31 Avenue, Queens, NY 11103, within the geographical confines of Community School District 30. It currently serves students in grades nine through twelve. The DOE is proposing to immediately replace W.C. Bryant with New School (30Q364, “New School”), a new district high school serving students in grades nine through twelve in building Q445.

If this proposal is approved, W.C. Bryant 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 seats and automatically enrolled in New School.

W.C. Bryant admits students through the Citywide High School Admissions Process through a screened method and also through a zoned method. The screened programs, Mentor Law & Forensic Science Institute and Math/Science Enrichment, fall under the Law and Government and Science and Math interest areas. W.C. Bryant also offers two Career and Technical Education (“CTE”) programs. Additional information about CTE programming and the High School Admissions Process is contained in Sections III 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 W.C. Bryant and replacing it with New School, the DOE is seeking to expeditiously improve educational quality on the W.C. Bryant campus. If this proposal is approved, New School will develop rigorous, school-specific competencies to measure and screen prospective staff – including W.C. Bryant staff who apply to work in the 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 doing this important work to improve the quality of teaching and learning in the school, DOE also will maximize New School’s chance of receiving up to \$1,800,000 in

supplemental federal funding under the federal School Improvement Grant (“SIG”) program. New School will build on the strongest elements of W.C. Bryant and incorporate new elements, including new talent designed to better meet student needs. Thus, the immediate closure and replacement of W.C. Bryant 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 William Cullen Bryant High School’s main office.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D30Proposals@schools.nyc.gov

Oral comments can be left at 212-374-7621.

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: Elaine Gorman
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Email: D30Proposals@schools.nyc.gov
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V. Date, time and place of joint public hearings for this proposal.

April 3, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.
William Cullen Bryant High School
48-10 31st Avenue
Queens, NY 11103

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.

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883 Classon Ave
Brooklyn, NY 11225