



Notice
February 27, 2012

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Chancellor

The Proposed Closure of Fordham Leadership Academy for Business and Technology (10X438) and the Opening and Co-Location of New High School (10X577) with West Bronx Academy for the Future (10X243), KAPPA International High School (10X374), Belmont Preparatory High School (10X434), Fordham High School for the Arts (10X437), and Bronx High School for Law and Community Service (10X439) in Building X435 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 Fordham Leadership Academy for Business and Technology (10X438, “Fordham Leadership”), an existing district high school in building X435, the Theodore Roosevelt Educational Campus (“X435” or “Roosevelt Campus”), located at 500 East Fordham Road, Bronx, NY 10458, within the geographical confines of Community School District 10. Fordham Leadership currently serves students in grades nine through twelve. The DOE is proposing to immediately replace Fordham Leadership with New High School (10X577, “New School”), a new district high school serving students in grades nine through twelve in building X435.

If this proposal is approved, Fordham Leadership 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.

Fordham Leadership is co-located with West Bronx Academy for the Future (10X243, “West Bronx Academy”), an existing secondary school serving students in grades six through twelve; KAPPA International High School (10X374, “KAPPA International”), an existing high school serving students in grades nine through twelve; Belmont Preparatory High School (10X434, “Belmont Prep”), an existing high school serving students in grades nine through twelve; Fordham High School for the Arts (10X437, “FHSA”), an existing high school serving students in grades nine through twelve; and Bronx High School for Law and Community Service (10X439, “BHSLCS”), an existing high school serving students in grades nine through twelve. 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. In addition, the Roosevelt Campus houses a Living for the Young Family Through Education (“LYFE”)

program, and a community-based organization (“CBO”), Good Shepherd Services (“Good Shepherd”), which provides mentoring and support services to one school in the building. Fordham Leadership admits students through the Citywide High School Admissions Process through the educational option method. West Bronx Academy admits middle school students through the District 9 and 10 Middle School Choice Process through a limited unscreened method; the school admits high school students through the Citywide High School Admissions Process through a limited unscreened method (with priority to continuing eighth-grade students). KAPPA International admits students through the Citywide High School Admissions Process through a limited unscreened method. Belmont Prep admits students through the Citywide High School Admissions Process through a screened method. FHSA offers a Career and Technical Education (“CTE”) program. It admits students through the Citywide High School Admissions Process based on school-based auditions. BHS LCS admits students through the Citywide High School Admissions Process through the educational option method. Additional information about CTE programming, the Middle School Choice Process, and the High School Admissions Process is contained in Section III 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 Fordham Leadership and replacing it with New School, the DOE is seeking to expeditiously improve educational quality on the Roosevelt Campus. If this proposal is approved, New School will develop rigorous school-specific competencies to measure and screen prospective staff – including Fordham Leadership 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 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. Doing this important work to improve the quality of teaching and learning in the school, will also maximize New School’s chance of receiving up to \$2,000,000 in supplemental federal funding under the federal School Improvement Grant (“SIG”) program. New School will build on the strongest elements of Fordham Leadership and incorporate new elements, including new talent, designed to better meet student needs. Thus, the immediate closure and replacement of Fordham Leadership 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 Fordham Leadership Academy for Business and Technology, West Bronx Academy for the Future, KAPPA International High School, Belmont Preparatory High School, Fordham High School for the Arts, and the Bronx High School for Law and Community Service.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D10Proposals@schools.nyc.gov

Oral comments can be left at 212-374-5159.

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 30, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.
Theodore Roosevelt Educational Campus
500 East Fordham Road
Bronx, NY 10458

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