



**Notice**  
February 27, 2012

**Dennis M. Walcott**  
*Chancellor*

## **The Proposed Closure of Sheepshead Bay High School (22K495) and the Opening and Co-Location of a New High School (22K453) with a District 75 Inclusion Program (85K811) in Building K495 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 Sheepshead Bay High School (22K495, “Sheepshead Bay”), an existing district high school in building K495 (“K495”), located at 3000 Avenue X, Brooklyn, NY 11235, within the geographical confines of Community School District 22. It currently serves students in grades nine through twelve. The DOE is proposing to immediately replace Sheepshead Bay with a new school (22K453, “New School”), a district high school serving students in grades nine through twelve in K495.

If this proposal is approved, Sheepshead Bay 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.

Sheepshead Bay is co-located with a District 75 inclusion program (75K811, “P811K@K495”). In an inclusion program, a student with special education needs receives services in a general education classroom along with general education students. Students in the P811K@K495 program are enrolled in Sheepshead Bay’s general education classes based on their respective Individualized Education Program (“IEP”) recommendations and receive Special Education Teacher Support Services (“SETSS”) from a District 75 special education teacher.

If this proposal is approved, beginning in September 2012, the students in P811K@K495 who are currently served in Sheepshead Bay’s general education classes will be enrolled in New School’s general education classes.

Sheepshead Bay offers five Career and Technical Education (“CTE”) programs in four career clusters. It admits students through the Citywide High School Admissions Process through both the educational option and the zoned method. Additional information about CTE programming and the High School Admissions Process is contained in Sections III.A of this proposal. New School is planning to continue programming in all of the same CTE career clusters that Sheepshead Bay currently offers and, therefore, students enrolled in CTE programming at Sheepshead Bay would have the opportunity to enroll in CTE programming at New School.

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 Sheepshead Bay and replacing it with New School, the DOE is seeking to expeditiously improve educational quality in K495. If this proposal is approved, New School will develop rigorous school-specific competencies to measure and screen prospective staff – including former Sheepshead Bay 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 doing this important work to improve student outcomes, the DOE also will maximize New School’s chance of receiving up to \$1,550,000 in supplemental federal funding under the federal School Improvement Grant (“SIG”) program. New School will build on the strongest elements of Sheepshead Bay and incorporate new elements, including new talent, designed to better meet student needs. Thus, the immediate closure and replacement of Sheepshead Bay 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 Sheepshead Bay High School’s main office.

**III. Submission of public comment.**

Written comments can be sent to [D22Proposals@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:D22Proposals@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.

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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