



Notice  
February 28, 2012

## **The Proposed Re-Siting and Co-location of One Grade of Osmond A. Church P.S./I.S 124 (27Q124) with Existing School Lyndon B. Johnson P.S. 223 (27Q223) in Building Q223 Beginning in the 2012-2013 School Year**

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

The New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) is proposing to re-site and co-locate the kindergarten cohort of Osmond A. Church (27Q124, “P.S./I.S. 124”), an existing K-8 school with Lyndon B. Johnson P.S. 223 (27Q223, “P.S. 223”), an existing K-5 school in Building Q223 (“Q223”), located at 125-20 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, NY 11434, in Community School District 27 beginning in 2012-2013. 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.

P.S./I.S. 124 currently serves students in kindergarten through eighth grades in Building Q124 (“Q124”) located at 129-15 150<sup>th</sup> Street South Ozone Park, NY 11420. Building Q124 is approximately 1.8 miles from building Q223. If this proposal to re-site and co-locate P.S./I.S. 124’s kindergarten with P.S. 223 is approved, incoming P.S./I.S. 124 kindergarten students will attend school in Q223 beginning in the 2012-2013 school year. The P.S./I.S. 124 students that would be co-located in Q223 would then articulate to the first grade in building Q124.

Q223 has the capacity to serve 994 students. In 2011-2012, the building serves 723 students in kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade, yielding a utilization rate of just 73%. Q124 has the capacity to serve 874 students. In 2011-2012, the building served 1,226 students, yielding a building utilization rate of 140%. Given these utilization percentages and the fact that space is a scarce resource, the DOE must use its existing public school buildings in the most efficient manner possible. The DOE must also work to ensure that students and families in every community have access to high-quality educational options. This proposal recognizes that a building that has excess space can be utilized more efficiently to serve students in the surrounding community.

If this proposal to re-site and co-locate P.S./I.S. 124’s kindergarten cohort is approved, in 2012-2013 there would be approximately 811-871 students served in building Q223, yielding an estimated building utilization rate of 82-88%. At the same time, the utilization of building Q124 will be reduced from 140% to approximately 122% -131%.

## **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 P.S./I.S. 124 and P.S. 223.

## **III. Submission of public comment.**

Written comments can be sent to [D27proposals@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:D27proposals@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.**

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

March 29, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.  
Building Q124  
129-15 150<sup>th</sup> Street  
South Ozone Park, NY 11420

April 4, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.  
Building Q223  
125-20 Sutphin Blvd.  
Jamaica, NY 11434

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