



Notice

February 28, 2012

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Chancellor

The Proposed Re-siting and Co-location of Cambria Heights Academy (29Q326) with Existing School I.S. 59 Springfield Gardens (29Q059) in Building Q059 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 re-site Cambria Heights Academy (29Q326, “Cambria Heights”), an existing high school that currently serves 144 students in ninth and tenth grades and that is phasing in to serve students in grades nine through twelve. Cambria Heights is currently located in building Q799, a leased site at 188-04 91st Avenue, Hollis, NY 11423 in Community School District 29 (“District 29”). The lease agreement is scheduled to expire at the conclusion of the 2011-2012 school year. If this proposal is approved, Cambria Heights will be re-sited to school building Q059 located at 132-55 Ridgedale Street, Springfield Gardens, NY 11413, in Community School District 29 (“District 29”), beginning in the 2012-2013 school year.

Cambria Heights opened in 2010-2011 in a temporary location and, over the last two years, the DOE has worked to identify a long-term site for Cambria Heights to grow to scale. If this proposal is approved, Cambria Heights will be “co-located” with the school organization currently housed in building Q059: I.S. 59 Springfield Gardens (29Q059, “I.S. 59”), an existing zoned middle school that serves students in sixth through eighth grades. Cambria Heights would be co-located in building Q059 with I.S. 59 beginning in 2012-2013. During the 2011-2012 school year, building Q059 also houses Eagle Academy for Young Men III (29Q327 “Eagle Academy”). In a separate Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”), the DOE is proposing to re-site Eagle Academy out of Q059 at the end of the 2011-2012 school year. 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.

During the 2012-2013 school year, the first year of the proposed co-location, Cambria Heights will expand to serve students in grades nine through eleven, with a total enrollment of approximately 210-240 students. In 2013-2014, the final year of its phase-in, Cambria Heights will serve students in grades nine through twelve, with a total enrollment at full-scale of approximately 285-325 students. According to the 2010-2011 Enrollment, Capacity, Utilization Report (the “Blue Book”), building Q059 has a target capacity of 1,295 students. When Cambria Heights is at full scale in 2013-2014, building Q059 will have a projected utilization rate of approximately 69-75%.

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 Cambria Heights Academy and I.S. 59.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D29Proposals@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.

Monday April 2, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

Cambria Heights Academy, Building Q799
188-04 91st Avenue
Hollis, NY 11423

Tuesday April 3, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

I.S. 59 Springfield Gardens
132-55 Ridgedale Street
Springfield Gardens, NY 11413

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