



Notice
February 28, 2012

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Chancellor

The Proposed Closure of Bread and Roses Integrated Arts High School (05M685) and the Opening and Co-Location of a New High School (05M532) with KAPPA IV (05M302) and Mott Hall High School (05M304) in Building M136 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 Bread and Roses Integrated Arts High School (05M685, “Bread and Roses”) an existing district high school in building M136 (“M136”), located at 6 Edgecombe Avenue, New York, NY 10030, within the geographical confines of Community School District 5. Bread and Roses currently serves students in grades nine through twelve. The DOE is proposing to immediately replace Bread and Roses with New School (05M532, “New School”), a new district high school serving students in grades nine through twelve in M136.

If this proposal is approved, Bread and Roses 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 at and automatically enrolled in New School.

Bread and Roses is co-located with KAPPA IV (05M302, “KAPPA IV”), an existing district middle school that currently serves students in grades six through eight, and with Mott Hall High School (05M304, “Mott Hall”), an existing high school that currently serves 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. Bread and Roses and Mott Hall admit students through the Citywide High School Admissions Process. Bread and Roses uses the educational option method to admit students through that process. Mott Hall uses the limited unscreened method to admit students through the High School Admissions Process. KAPPA IV admits students through the District 5 Middle School Choice Process. Additional information about the High School Admissions Process and the Middle School Choice Process is contained in Sections III.A and III.C 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 Bread and Roses and replacing it with New School, the DOE is seeking to expeditiously improve educational quality at building M136. If this proposal is approved, New School will develop rigorous, school-specific competencies to

measure and screen prospective staff, including Bread and Roses' 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. 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 \$850,510 in supplemental federal funding under the federal School Improvement Grant ("SIG") program. New School will build on the strongest elements of Bread and Roses and incorporate new elements, including new talent designed to better meet student needs. Thus, the immediate closure and replacement of Bread and Roses 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 Bread & Roses Integrated Arts High School, KAPPA IV, and Mott Hall High School.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D05Proposals@schools.nyc.gov

Oral comments can be left at 212-374-3466.

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.

April 3, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.
Bread & Roses Integrated Arts High School
6 Edgecombe Avenue
New York, NY 10030

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