



Notice
February 28, 2012

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Chancellor

The Proposed Closure of I.S. 136 Charles O. Dewey (15K136) and Opening and Co-Location of a New Middle School (15K331) with Sunset Park Preparatory (15K821) in Building K136 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 I.S. 136 Charles O. Dewey (15K136, “Charles Dewey”), an existing district middle school in building K136 (“K136”), located at 4004 4th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11232, in Community School District 15. It currently serves students in grades six through eight. The DOE is proposing to immediately replace Charles Dewey with a new school (15K331, “New School”); a district middle school serving students in grades six through eight in K136.

If this proposal is approved, Charles Dewey will close at the conclusion of the 2011-2012 school year. All current students who have not been promoted to high school before the start of the 2012-2013 school year will be guaranteed a seat and automatically enrolled in New School. Charles Dewey is co-located in K136 with Sunset Park Preparatory (15K821, “Sunset Park”); an existing district middle school that currently serves students in grades six through eight. Charles Dewey admits students through the District 15 Middle School Choice Process through a screened method. Sunset Park Prep also admits students through the District 15 Middle School Choice Process through a screened method. Additional information about the District 15 Middle School Choice 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 Charles Dewey and replacing it with New School, the DOE is seeking to expeditiously improve educational quality on the Charles Dewey campus. If this proposal is approved, New School will develop rigorous, school-specific competencies to measure and screen prospective staff – including Charles Dewey staff who applies 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 the quality of teaching and learning in the school, DOE also will maximize New School’s chance of receiving up to \$850,000 in

supplemental federal funding under the federal School Improvement Grant (“SIG”) program. New School will build on the strongest elements of Charles Dewey and incorporate new elements, including new teaching talent designed to better meet student needs. The immediate closure and replacement of Charles Dewey with New School will 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 Charles O. Dewey and Sunset Park Prep.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D15Proposals@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.

Name: Elaine Gorman
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V. Date, time and place of joint public hearings for this proposal.

April 4, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.
I.S. 136 Charles O. Dewey
4004 4th Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11232

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