



Notice  
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Chancellor

## **The Proposed Temporary Co-Location of Mott Hall Charter School (84XTBD) with P.S. 63 Author's Academy (09X063) in Buildings X063 and X862 in 2012-2013 and 2013-2014**

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

The New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) is proposing to temporarily co-locate grades six and seven of Mott Hall Charter School (84XTBD, “MHCS”) in buildings X063 and X862, where the school will be co-located with P.S. 63 Author’s Academy (09X063, “P.S. 63”), for a two-year period starting in the 2012-2013 school year. Building X063 and annex building X862 are both located at 1260 Franklin Avenue, Bronx, NY 10456, in Community School District 9 (“District 9”). A “co-location” means that two or more school organizations are located in the same building and may share common spaces like auditoriums, gymnasiums, libraries, and cafeterias.

If this proposal is approved, P.S. 63 will retain all of its classroom and administrative space in building X063, and MHCS will occupy classroom and administrative space in building X862 only. However, P.S. 63 and MHCS will both use shared spaces in the X063 building. Additionally, P.S. 2 Morrisania (09X002, “P.S. 2”), a district elementary school, is currently co-located with P.S. 63 in buildings X063 and X862. P.S. 2 is currently in the process of phasing out and will close at the end of the 2011-2012 school year.

MHCS is a new public charter school that is authorized to serve students in grades six through eight at scale. Its mission is to provide rigorous academics and strong supports to prepare students for success in high school, college, and their future careers. The school’s charter was approved by the New York State Education Department in December 2010. According to this charter, MHCS will admit students through a charter lottery, giving preference to middle school students who reside in District 9.

If this proposal is approved, MHCS will be co-located with P.S. 63 in buildings X063 and X862 for a two-year period starting in the 2012-2013 school year. In 2012-2013, during the first year of implementation, MHCS will serve a total of 80-105 sixth-grade students. In 2013-2014, during the second and final year of implementation, MHCS will serve a total of 160-210 sixth- and seventh-grade students. MHCS will be located in buildings X063 and X862 until the end of the 2013-2014 school year, at which point the school will relocate to its long-term leased private facility, which is located in District 9, is currently under construction, and is scheduled to be completed by September 2014. Thereafter, the school will continue to grow in its private space

until it reaches its full grade-span of grades six through eight in 2014-2015.

Buildings X063 and X862 have a combined target capacity of 995 students. During the current 2011-2012 school year, the buildings are serving a combined total of 661 students, yielding a target utilization rate of 66%.

If this proposal is approved, during the first year of its implementation, in 2012-2013, there will be a total of 706-791 students served collectively by P.S. 63 and MHCS across both buildings. This yields a projected target utilization rate of 71-79%. During the final year of this proposal, in 2013-2014, P.S. 63 and MHCS will serve a total of 801-911 students across both buildings. This yields a projected target utilization rate of 81-92%. Therefore, the buildings have sufficient space to accommodate both schools during the period of this proposal. As noted above, MHCS will relocate to its long-term private facility at the end of 2013-2014.

## **II. Information regarding where the full text of the proposed item may be obtained.**

The Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) and Building Utilization Plan (“BUP”) can be found on the DOE’s Web site at: <http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2011-2012/April2012Proposals.htm>.

Copies of the EIS and BUP are also available in the main office of P.S. 63.

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

Written comments can be sent to: [D09Proposals@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:D09Proposals@schools.nyc.gov)

Oral comments can be left at: 212-374-5159

## **IV. The name, office, address, e-mail, 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 Hearing for this proposal.**

When: April 16, 2012  
Time: 6:00 p.m.  
Where: P.S. 63 Author's Academy (bldg. X063)  
1260 Franklin Avenue  
Bronx, New York 10456

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.**

When: April 26, 2012  
Time: 6:00 p.m.  
Where: Prospect Heights Campus  
883 Classon Avenue  
Brooklyn, New York 11225