



Notice  
March 5, 2012

**Dennis M. Walcott**  
*Chancellor*

**The Proposed Re-siting of Democracy Preparatory Harlem Charter School (84M481) and Co-location of Democracy Preparatory Charter School's (84M350) 9-12 Grades with Existing Schools P.S. 92 Mary McLeod Bethune (05M092) and St. HOPE Leadership Academy Charter School (84M388) in Building M092 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 two public charter schools run by Democracy Prep Public Schools, a charter management organization that currently manages three schools in the City. Specifically, the DOE is proposing that Democracy Preparatory Harlem Charter School (84M481, "Democracy Prep Harlem") trade locations with the high school grades of Democracy Preparatory Charter School (84M350, "Democracy Prep" or "Democracy Prep High School").

Democracy Prep Harlem is an existing public charter school that currently serves sixth and seventh grade students in building M092 ("M092"), located at 222 West 134<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY 10030 in Community School District 5. Democracy Prep Harlem is currently co-located in M092 with P.S. 92 Mary McLeod Bethune (05M092, "P.S. 92"), an existing zoned elementary school serving students in kindergarten through fifth grades and offering a full-day pre-kindergarten program, and St. HOPE Leadership Academy Charter School (84M388, "St. HOPE"), an existing public charter school that currently serves students in fifth through eighth grades. In 2012-2013, Democracy Prep Harlem will phase in and expand to serve students in sixth through eighth grades.

Democracy Preparatory Charter School is an existing public charter school serving students in sixth through eleventh grades and is phasing in to serve students in sixth through twelfth grades. Democracy Prep's sixth- through eighth-grade students are currently served in building M197, located at 2230 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10037 in Community School District 5, where it is currently co-located with P.S. 197 John B. Russwurm (05M197). Democracy Prep's ninth- through eleventh-grade students are currently served in a privately owned facility, located at 207 West 133<sup>rd</sup> Street, New York, NY 10030 in Community School District 5. In 2012-2013, Democracy Prep will expand to serve students in sixth through twelfth grades.

If this proposal is approved, Democracy Prep Harlem will be re-sited to the private space, while Democracy Prep High School will be re-sited to M092, where it would be co-located with P.S. 92 and St. HOPE.

In 2012-2013, Democracy Prep will expand to serve students in sixth through twelfth grades as outlined in its charter, which was authorized by the DOE. Thus, if this proposal is approved, Democracy Prep will serve approximately 274-339 ninth- through twelfth-grade students in M092, where they will be co-located with P.S. 92 and St. HOPE. Democracy Prep Harlem will

serve students in sixth through eighth grades in the private space starting in the 2012-2013 school year. M092 also provides space to a Community Based Organization (“CBO”), the Department of Transportation’s Safety City Program.

**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 Department of Education’s Web site:

<http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2011-2012/April2012Proposals>.

Copies of the EIS and BUP are also available in main offices of all the schools listed above.

**III. Submission of public comment.**

Written comments can be sent to [D05proposals@schools.nyc.gov](mailto: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 5, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.  
Building M092  
222 West 134 Street  
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