



Notice
March 5, 2012

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Chancellor

The Proposed Closure of Bronx High School of Business (09X412) and the Opening and Co-Location of New School (09X574) with Urban Assembly Academy for History and Citizenship for Young Men (09X239), Bronx Collegiate Academy (09X227), Dreamyard Preparatory School (09X329), Bronx High School for Medical Science (09X413), Jonathan Levin High School for Media and Communications (09X414), and New ELL School (09X564) in Building X410 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 Bronx High School of Business (09X412, “Bronx High School of Business”), an existing district high school in building X410 (“X410” or “Taft Campus”), located at 240 East 172nd Street, Bronx, NY 10457, within the geographical confines of Community School District 9. It currently serves students in grades nine through twelve. The DOE is proposing to immediately replace Bronx High School of Business with New School (09X574, “New School”), a new district high school which will serve students in grades nine through twelve in building X410.

If this proposal is approved, Bronx High School of Business 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 and automatically enrolled in New School. Bronx High School of Business offers Career and Technical Education (“CTE”) programs. It admits students through the Citywide High School Admissions Process through an educational option method. Additional information about CTE programming and the High School Admissions Process is contained in Sections III.A and III.C of this proposal.

Bronx High School of Business is co-located with: the Urban Assembly Academy for History and Citizenship for Young Men (09X239, “UAA History and Citizenship”), an existing district high school which is currently in its first year of phasing out, and will have completed phasing out at the end of the 2013-2014 school year; Bronx Collegiate Academy (09X227, “Bronx Collegiate”), an existing district high school serving students in ninth through twelfth grades; the Dreamyard Preparatory School (09X329, “Dreamyard”), an existing district high school serving students in ninth through twelfth grades; the Bronx High School for Medical Science (09X413,

“School for Medical Science”), an existing district secondary school serving students in sixth through twelfth grades; the Jonathan Levin High School for Media and Communications (09X414, “Jonathan Levin”), an existing district high school serving students in ninth through twelfth grades; and, if approved, New ELL School (09X564), a new district high school proposed to serve grades nine through twelve and have a focus on English Language Learner students. 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. As mentioned, in a separate Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) published on January 27, 2012, the DOE is proposing the opening and co-location of a new high school on the Taft Campus beginning in the 2012-2013 school year. New ELL School, 09X564, is designed to serve English Language Learners (“ELLs”), students who are of limited English proficiency, and is proposed to open in the fall of 2012 to serve students in the ninth grade, gradually phasing in to the building by adding one grade per year through 2015-2016. The school is expected to reach full scale in 2015-2016, when it will serve approximately 300-340 students in grades nine through twelve. The Panel for Educational Policy (“PEP”) will vote on this proposal at their meeting on March 21, 2012. The proposal can be found on the DOE’s Website at: <http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2011-2012/Mar212012Proposals.htm>. Thus, New School will also be co-located with 09X564 if both of these proposals are approved.

In addition, X410 houses a Living for the Young Family Through Education (“LYFE”) program. 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 Bronx High School of Business and replacing it with New School, the DOE is seeking to expeditiously improve educational quality on the Taft Campus. If this proposal is approved, New School will develop rigorous, school-specific competencies to measure and screen prospective staff – including Bronx High School of Business 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 also 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 will maximize New School’s chance of receiving up to \$800,000 in supplemental federal funding under the federal School Improvement Grant (“SIG”) program. New School will build on the strongest elements of Bronx High School of Business and incorporate new elements, including new talent, designed to better meet student needs. Thus, the immediate closure and replacement of Bronx High School of Business 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 the Bronx High School of Business, Urban Assembly Academy for History and Citizenship for Young Men, Bronx Collegiate Academy, Dreamyard Preparatory School, Bronx High School for Medical Science, and Jonathan Levin High School for Media and Communications.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D09Proposals@schools.nyc.gov

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

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 18, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.
William Howard Taft Educational Campus
240 East 172nd Street
Bronx, NY 10457

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