



Notice  
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Chancellor

## **The Proposed Closure of M.S. 142 John Philip Sousa (11X142) and the Opening and Co-Location of New School (11X578) with One World Middle School at Edenwald (11X529) and Baychester Middle School (11X532) in Building X142 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 M.S. 142 John Philip Sousa (11X142, “M.S. 142”), an existing district middle school in building X142 (“X142” or “John Philip Sousa Campus”), located at 3750 Baychester Avenue, Bronx, NY, 10466, in Community School District 11. It currently serves students in grades six through eight. The DOE is proposing to immediately replace M.S. 142 with New School (11X578, “New School”); a new district middle school which will serve students in grades six through eight in building X142. If this proposal is approved, M.S. 142 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.

M.S. 142 is co-located in X142 with One World Middle School at Edenwald (11X529, “One World”), an existing district middle school that is phasing in that currently serves students in sixth grade and will serve students in sixth through eighth grades at scale; and with Baychester Middle School (11X532, “Baychester”), an existing district middle school that is phasing in that currently serves students in sixth grade and will serve students in sixth through eighth grades at scale. 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. In addition, the John Philip Sousa Campus houses three CBOs that operate in the school building: Montefiore Medical Group, Sports and Arts, and Beacon.

All three schools – M.S. 142, One World, and Baychester – admit students through the District 11 Middle School Choice Process and offer priority to students residing in the X142 zone through a campus choice, unscreened admissions method. Additional information about programming and the Middle School Choice Process is contained in Section III of this proposal.

One World and Baychester were opened and co-located in X142 in September 2011 pursuant to an EIS that was approved by the Panel for Educational Policy (“PEP”) on March 1, 2011. As noted in that proposal, enrollment at M.S. 142 was reduced beginning in September 2011 by limiting the number of students admitted to its incoming sixth grade, and the two new schools

were created to meet the needs of the X142 school zone and improve educational quality on the campus. The proposal can be found on the DOE's Web site at:

[http://schools.nyc.gov/NR/ronlyres/50D0EA27-11B7-4F3C-9E53-4ACED95E34C6/0/EIS\\_NewSchools142\\_final.pdf](http://schools.nyc.gov/NR/ronlyres/50D0EA27-11B7-4F3C-9E53-4ACED95E34C6/0/EIS_NewSchools142_final.pdf).

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 M.S. 142 and replacing it with New School, the DOE is seeking to expeditiously improve educational quality on the John Philip Sousa Campus. If this proposal is approved, New School will develop rigorous school-specific competencies to measure and screen prospective staff – including M.S. 142 staff who will 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. 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 \$2,000,000 per year in supplemental federal funding under the federal School Improvement Grant ("SIG") program.

New School will build on the strongest elements of M.S. 142 and incorporate new elements, including new talent designed to better meet student needs. Thus, the immediate closure and replacement of M.S. 142 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 M.S. 142 John Philip Sousa, One World Middle School at Edenwald, and Baychester Middle School.

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

Written comments can be sent to [D11Proposals@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:D11Proposals@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 19, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.  
M.S. 142 John Philip Sousa  
3750 Baychester Avenue  
Bronx, NY 10466

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