



Notice
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Chancellor

The Proposed Co-location of One Grade of Harlem Success Academy Charter School 4 (84M386) with Existing Schools P.S. 149 Sojourner Truth (03M149), Harlem Success Academy Charter School (84M351), and P811M@M149 (75M811), a District 75 School, in M149/M207 for the 2012-2013 School Year

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

The New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) is proposing to co-locate one grade of Harlem Success Academy Charter School 4 (84M386, “HSA 4”) in Tandem Buildings M149 and M207 (“M149/M207”), located, respectively, at 34 West 118th Street, New York, NY 10026 and 41 West 117th Street, New York, NY 10026 in Community School District 3 for the 2012-2013 school year. “Tandem Buildings” are two separate buildings with separate entrances, which are joined by a central core containing large shared spaces, such as auditoriums, gymnasiums, and/or cafeterias. If this proposal is approved, HSA 4 would serve its fifth grade students in M149/M207 in 2012-2013. The single grade cohort of HSA 4 would be co-located in M149/M207 with existing schools P.S. 149 Sojourner Truth (03M149, “P.S. 149”), a district elementary school that serves students in kindergarten through eighth grades and offers a pre-kindergarten program, Harlem Success Academy Charter School (84M351, “HSA 1”), a public charter school that currently serves students in kindergarten through sixth grades, and P.S. 811 Mickey Mantle School (75M811, “P811M@M149”), a District 75 school serving students with autism or who are emotionally disturbed. 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.

HSA 4 currently serves students in kindergarten through fourth grade in Building M113 (“M113”) located at 240 West 113th Street, New York, NY 10026, where it is co-located with P.S. 241 (03M241, “P.S. 241”), and Opportunity Charter School (84M279, “Opportunity Charter”). M113 is 0.5 miles southwest walking distance from M149/M207. HSA 4 is currently authorized to serve students in kindergarten through fifth grades. However, there are not sufficient classrooms available in M113 to accommodate HSA 4’s fifth grade, in addition to its current grade-span.

HSA 1 currently serves students in kindergarten through sixth grades in M149/M207. In a separate EIS that was posted on December 10, 2010 and approved on February 1, 2011, the DOE proposed the re-siting of HSA 1’s current fifth and sixth grades, and future fifth through eighth grades, as the school expands to full-scale, to building M088 beginning in 2012-2013. As a result of the proposal, in 2012-2013 and future years, HSA 1 will serve only students in kindergarten through fourth grades in M149/M207.

Under this proposal, HSA 4’s fifth-grade students would be served in M149/M207 alongside students of HSA 1, which will serve students in kindergarten through fourth grades in M149/M207 beginning in 2012-2013. This co-location of HSA 4’s fifth grade is being proposed

for one year. The DOE will consider all long-term options to accommodate the HSA 4's fifth grade in the future and, if necessary, will propose those options in a separate EIS.

HSA 4 is an existing charter school authorized by the State University of New York Charter Schools Institute ("SUNY") and operated by Success Academy Charter Schools ("Success Academies"), a charter management organization ("CMO") that currently operates six schools in Manhattan and nine schools Citywide. As noted above, HSA 4 is currently authorized to serve students in kindergarten through fifth grades. However, when its charter is up for renewal in 2013, HSA 4 intends to apply to expand the grades served at the school to kindergarten through eighth grades. SUNY and the State Board of Regents would have the authority to approve or deny that request. HSA 4 admits students in kindergarten through second grades through a lottery. HSA 4 lottery priorities are detailed in Section III.C.

P.S. 149 is a zoned district school that serves students in kindergarten through eighth grades and offers a pre-kindergarten program. Students are currently admitted to P.S. 149 in kindergarten according to Chancellor's Regulation A-101 and in sixth grade through the District 3 Middle School Choice process. Admissions methods are detailed in Section III.A.

P811M@M149 serves elementary-age students with autism or who are emotionally disturbed. Students are placed in District 75 programs based on their individual needs and recommended special education services.

The community-based organization ("CBO") Harlem Children's Zone ("HCZ") also has rooms allocated to it in M149/M207 where it operates a pre-kindergarten 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 P.S. 149, P811M (at all sites), HSA 1, and HSA 4.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D03proposals@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 19, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.
Building M149/M207
41 West 117th Street
New York, NY 10026

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