Notice
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Chancellor

The Proposed Re-siting and Co-location of Harlem Success Academy Charter School 3 (84M385) with M.S. 224 Manhattan East School for Arts & Academics (04M224), Renaissance Charter High School for Innovation (08M433), Academy of Environmental Science Secondary High School (04M635), and Harlem Prep Charter School (84M708) in Building M099 Beginning in the 2013-2014 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 re-site Harlem Success Academy Charter School 3 (84M385, "HSA 3"), an existing public charter school serving students in kindergarten through fourth grade, to building M099 ("M099") located at 410 East 100 Street, New York, NY 10029 in Manhattan's Community School District 4. The proposed re-siting would begin with kindergarten in the 2012-2013 school year. One additional grade level would be co-located in M099 each year through 2016-2017, when HSA 3 would serve students in kindergarten through fourth grade in M099.

If this proposal is approved, HSA 3 would be co-located indefinitely in M099 with M.S. 224 Manhattan East School for Arts & Academics (04M224, "Manhattan East"), an existing middle school that serves students in grades six through eight; Academy of Environmental Science Secondary High School (04M635, "AES"), an existing high school which currently serves students in grades ten through twelve and is in the process of phasing out; Renaissance Charter High School for Innovation (84M433, "Renaissance Charter HS"), an existing public charter high school that currently serves students in grades nine through ten and will expand to serve students in grades nine through twelve; and temporarily with Harlem Prep Charter School (84M708, "Harlem Prep"), an existing public charter school that currently serves students in kindergarten through fifth grades. 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.

The phase-out of AES was approved by the Panel for Educational Policy ("PEP") on February 1, 2011. AES no longer admits new students and will close in June 2014. Renaissance Charter HS is currently phasing in, adding a new grade of students each year until it reaches full scale and serves students in grades nine through twelve in the 2013-2014 school year. If Renaissance's re-

siting is delayed beyond the beginning of the 2012-2013 school year, the DOE would consider alternate options and, if necessary, address the proposed re-siting and co-location of HSA 3 in M099 in a new or revised proposal.

In a separate EIS, the DOE has also proposed to temporarily site multiple grades of Harlem Prep in M099 for two years, beginning in 2012-2013. Harlem Prep currently serves students in kindergarten through fifth grade in private space, building M174 ("M174"), located at 240 East 123rd Street, New York, NY 10035 in Community School District 4. If that proposal is approved, Harlem Prep will serve students in kindergarten through second grade in M099 in 2012-2013 and kindergarten through third grades in 2013-2014. Harlem Prep would continue to serve students in third through fifth grades in M174 in 2012-2013 and fourth and fifth grades in 2013-2014. Harlem Prep will also expand to serve students in sixth through eighth grade by adding one grade each year in M174 over the next three years.

HSA 3 is an existing public charter school serving students in kindergarten through fourth grade in building M101 ("M101"), located at 141 East 111th Street, New York, NY 10029, in Community School District 4, approximately one mile from M099. HSA 3 is co-located with two other schools in the M101 building: Mosaic Preparatory Academy (04M375, "Mosaic"), a choice elementary school that serves students in kindergarten through fifth grade and offers a pre-kindergarten program; and P811M@P101M (75M811, "P811M@P101M"), one site of a multi-site District 75 school.

If this proposal is approved, HSA 3 will begin serving kindergarten students only in M099 in 2012-2013 and add one grade each year until it reaches full scale. In 2012-2013, HSA will only serve students in first through fourth grade in M101, truncating each grade one by one in each subsequent year. In M101, HSA 3 will serve students in second through fourth grade in 2013-2014, third through fourth grade in 2014-2015, fourth grade in 2015-2016, and no grades in 2016-2017. At that point, it will serve students in kindergarten through fourth grade in M099.

Success Academy Charter Schools ("Success Academies") is a charter management organization ("CMO") that operates nine public charter schools in New York City. The State University of New York ("SUNY") Charter Schools Institute has authorized HSA 3 to serve students in kindergarten through fifth grade. If this proposal is approved, HSA 3 would serve 76 – 97 students in kindergarten in 2012-2013, 126 – 161 students in kindergarten through first grade in 2013-2014, 176 – 225 students in kindergarten through second grade in 2014-2015, 226 – 289 students in kindergarten through third grade in 2015-2016, and 276 – 353 students in kindergarten through fourth grade in 2016-2017 in M099. The school would admit students via the charter lottery application process, with preference given to District 4 residents.

Renaissance School of the Arts (04M377, "Renaissance") is an existing district middle school that serves students in grades six through eight in M099. On February 28, 2012, the DOE published a proposal to re-site Renaissance to building M155 ("M155"), which is located at 319 East 117 Street, New York, NY 10035 in Manhattan's Community School District 4, beginning in the 2012-2013 school year. If Renaissance's re-siting is delayed beyond the beginning of the 2012-2013 school year, the DOE would consider alternate options and, if necessary, address the proposed re-siting and co-location of HSA 3 in M099 in a new or revised EIS.

According to the 2010-2011 Enrollment Capacity Utilization Report (the "Blue Book"), M099 has the capacity to serve 1,301 students. Currently, the building serves 865 students, yielding a building utilization rate of 66%. If this proposal is approved, the building would serve approximately 938 – 1,169 students and have a utilization rate of 72% - 90% in 2016-2017 when HSA 3 is fully re-sited. As discussed in section III.B. and in the attached Building Utilization Plan ("BUP"), the building has sufficient space to provide all these schools with at least their baseline room allocations under the Citywide Instructional Footprint ("Footprint"). Therefore, M099 has the capacity to accommodate Harlem Prep, Manhattan East, AES, and Renaissance Charter HS in addition to the proposed addition of HSA 3.

As mentioned above, Success Academies currently manages a total of nine public charter schools in Manhattan, Brooklyn and the Bronx. Success Academies schools have a strong track record of academic achievement: each of the four Success Academies elementary schools that received a Progress Report in 2010-2011earned an overall score of A and earned A grades in each of the three subsections: Student Performance, Student Progress, and School Environment. Three of these schools currently serve students in kindergarten through fourth grade and one serves students in kindergarten through sixth grade.

In 2010-2011, 71.7% of third grade students at HSA 3 achieved proficiency on the New York State English Language Arts exam and 92.8% achieved proficiency on the mathematics exam. By contrast, the District 4 average third grade English Language Arts proficiency rate in 2010-2011 was 40.9% and the District 4 average third grade math proficiency rate in 2010-2011 was 48.4%.

The DOE believes that HSA 3's record of success supports the growth of the school. This proposal to re-site HSA 3 to M099 would allow the school to continue providing high-quality educational opportunities for District 4 students and families. It would also create additional space in building M101, which could be used to house additional school organizations in the future. Any proposal to add a school organization to M101 would be described in a future EIS.

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 the main offices of HSA 3, Manhattan East, AES, Innovation, and Harlem Prep.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D04Proposals@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 4, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.
Building M099
410 East 100 Street
New York, NY 10029

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