



Notice  
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Chancellor

## **The Proposed Closure of Alfred E. Smith Career and Technical Education High School (07X600) and the Opening and Co-Location of New School (07X576) with Bronx Design and Construction Academy (07X522) and Bronx Haven High School (07X381) in Building X600 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 Alfred E. Smith Career and Technical Education High School (07X600, “Alfred E. Smith”), an existing district high school in building X600 (“X600” or “Smith Campus”), located at 333 East 151<sup>st</sup> Street, Bronx, NY 10451, within the geographical confines of in Community School District 7. It currently serves students in grades nine through twelve. The DOE is proposing to immediately replace Alfred E. Smith with New School (07X576, “New School”), a new district high school serving students in grades nine through twelve in building X600.

If this proposal is approved, Alfred E. Smith 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.

Alfred E. Smith is co-located with: Bronx Design and Construction Academy (07X522, “BDCA”), an existing district high school, which currently serves students in ninth grade and is phasing in to X600 gradually by adding one grade level every year until reaching its full grade span of 9-12 in 2014-2015; and Bronx Haven High School (07X381, “Bronx Haven”), an existing transfer high school which currently serves students in ninth through twelfth 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. In addition, the Smith campus houses a Young Adult Borough Center (“YABC”).

Alfred E. Smith currently offers five Career and Technical Education (“CTE”) programs to eleventh- and twelfth-grade students and two CTE programs to ninth- through twelfth-grade students. Both Alfred E. Smith and BDCA admit students through the Citywide High School Admissions Process; Alfred E. Smith through a Screened method and BDCA through a Limited Unscreened method.

Bronx Haven has a rolling admissions policy, accepting students throughout the year who are 16

years of age and older and who have attended another New York City high school for at least one year. Additional information about CTE programming and the High School Admissions Process is contained in Section III.A of this proposal.

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 Alfred E. Smith and replacing it with New School, the DOE is seeking to expeditiously improve educational quality on the Smith Campus. If this proposal is approved, New School will develop rigorous, school-specific competencies to measure and screen prospective staff – including Alfred E. Smith 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 plans to develop new programs and school supports that are intended to improve student outcomes. Doing this important work to improve the quality of teaching and learning in the school, will also maximize New School’s chance of receiving up to \$2,000,000 in supplemental federal funding under the federal School Improvement Grant (“SIG”) program. New School will build on the strongest elements of Alfred E. Smith and incorporate new elements, including new talent designed to better meet student needs. Thus, the immediate closure and replacement of Alfred E. Smith 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 Alfred E. Smith Career and Technical Education High School, Bronx Design and Construction Academy, and Bronx Haven High School.

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

Written comments can be sent to [D07Proposals@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:D07Proposals@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 16, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.  
Alfred E. Smith Career and Technical High School  
333 East 151<sup>st</sup> Street  
Bronx, NY 10451

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