



Notice  
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Chancellor

## **The Proposed Closure of William E. Grady Career and Technical Education High School (21K620) and Opening and Co-Location of New School (21K428) with a District 75 Inclusion Program (75K370) in Building K620 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 William E. Grady Career and Technical Education High School (21K620, “William E. Grady”), an existing district high school in building K620 (“K620”), located at 25 Brighton 4<sup>th</sup> Road, Brooklyn, NY 11235, within the geographical confines of Community School District 21. It currently serves students in grades nine through twelve. The DOE is proposing to immediately replace William E. Grady with New School (21K428, “New School”), a new district high school serving students in grades nine through twelve in building K620.

If this proposal is approved, William E. Grady 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 seats and automatically enrolled in New School.

William E. Grady is co-located with P.S. 370, a District 75 inclusion program at William E. Grady (75K370, “P.S. 370”) that currently serves grades nine through twelve. 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, K620 houses an Alternate Learning Center (88K984, “ALC”).

P.S. 370 is an inclusion program. In an inclusion program, a student with special education needs receives services in a general education classroom along with general education students. Students in the 75K370 program in building K620 are enrolled in William E. Grady general education classes based on their Individualized Education Program (“IEP”) recommendations and receive special education Teacher Support Services (“SETSS”) from a District 75 Special Education teacher. Students are admitted to P.S. 370 through the District 75 placement process, described in more detail in Section III of this proposal. If this proposal is approved, P.S. 370 will continue to exist after William E. Grady closes and will be associated with New School. If this proposal is approved, beginning in September 2012, the students in P.S. 370 who receive instruction in the inclusion setting will do so in New School general education classes. William E. Grady offers five Career and Technical Education (“CTE”) career clusters in six

career pathways. 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 Section III 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 William E. Grady and replacing it with New School, the DOE is seeking to improve educational quality in the K620 building. If this proposal is approved, New School will develop rigorous, school-specific competencies to measure and screen prospective staff – including William E. Grady staff members 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, DOE also will maximize New School’s chance of receiving up to \$1,167,000 in supplemental federal funding under the federal School Improvement Grant (“SIG”) program. New School will build on the strongest elements of William E. Grady and incorporate new elements, including new talent designed to better meet student needs. Thus, the immediate closure and replacement of William E. Grady 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 William E. Grady Career and Technical Education High School’s main office.

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

Written comments can be sent to [D21Proposals@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:D21Proposals@schools.nyc.gov)

Oral comments can be left at 212-374-0208.

## **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.  
William E. Grady Career and Technical Education High School  
25 Brighton 4<sup>th</sup> Road  
Brooklyn, NY 11235

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