



**Amended Notice**  
March 26, 2012

**Dennis M. Walcott**  
*Chancellor*

## **The Proposed Grade Expansion of Harlem Village Academy Leadership Charter School (84M335) to Include Grades K-2 in Building M045 Beginning in 2012-2013**

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

On February 29, 2012, the DOE issued an Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) and Building Utilization Plan (“BUP”) describing a proposal to expand Harlem Village Academy Leadership Charter School (84M335, “HVA Leadership”) to serve early childhood grades. HVA Leadership is an existing public charter school serving students in fifth through eleventh grade. HVA Leadership serves its fifth- through eighth-grade students in building M045 (“M045”) at 2351 1st Avenue New York, NY 10035, in Community School District 4. HVA Leadership’s middle school grades are co-located in M045 with a district middle school, M.S. 45/S.T.A.R.S. Prep Academy (04M045, “M.S. 45”), and a district high school, Coalition School for Social Change (04M409, “Coalition”). 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. This proposal would expand the grades served by HVA Leadership in M045 to include kindergarten through second grade.

The DOE is now issuing an amended EIS and BUP. The amended proposal documents change references to “Leadership Village Academy Charter School” to “Harlem Village Academy Leadership Charter School” to reflect a request from the school’s authorizer to clarify the legal name of the school. The amended EIS and BUP also correct typographical errors and correct data related to the percentage of students at the school eligible for free or reduced-price lunch. None of these changes significantly revise the proposal itself.

HVA Leadership is managed by the Harlem Village Academies, a charter management organization (“CMO”) that operates Harlem Village Academy in addition to HVA Leadership. In 2002, Harlem Village Academies’ charter authorizer, the State University of New York (“SUNY”), approved the CMO to open both of its schools. Harlem Village Academies opened HVA Leadership in 2005, and the school currently serves students in grade fifth through eleventh grade. As discussed above, students in the fifth through eighth grade are served in M045. Students in the ninth through eleventh grade are served in private space located at 413 East 120th Street New York, NY 10035. If this proposal is approved, HVA Leadership would begin enrolling kindergarten students for the 2012-2013 school year, and would serve students in kindergarten through second grade and fifth through eighth grade in M045. HVA Leadership would continue to serve its high school students in private space. The DOE will consider

available options for siting HVA Leadership's third and fourth grade for 2015-2016 and beyond and would propose any re-sitings or co-locations in a future Educational Impact Statement ("EIS") subject to approval by the Panel for Educational Policy ("PEP"). HVA Leadership currently admits fifth-graders via the charter school lottery application process, with preference to District 4 residents

M045 has sufficient space to accommodate all existing schools along with the proposed addition of elementary grades for HVA Leadership.

## **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 HVA Leadership, M.S. 45, and Coalition.

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

Written comments can be sent to [D04Proposals@schools.nyc.gov](mailto: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.**

March 30, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.  
Building M045  
2351 1st Avenue  
New York, NY 10035

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 Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11225