**Amended Notice**
March 29, 2012

**Dennis M. Walcott**
*Chancellor*

# The Proposed Closure of J.H.S. 22 Jordan L. Mott (09X022) and Opening and Co-Location of a New Middle School with Bronx Writing Academy (09X323) in Building X022 Beginning in 2012-2013

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

On February 27, 2012, the New York City Department of Education ("DOE") published an Educational Impact Statement ("EIS") describing a proposal to close J.H.S. 22 Jordan L. Mott (09X022, "J.H.S. 22"), an existing district middle school in building X022 ("X022"), located at 270 East 167 Street, Bronx, NY, 10456, in Community School District 9. It currently serves students in grades six through eight. The DOE proposed to immediately replace J.H.S. 22 with New School (09X571, "New School"), a new district middle school serving students in grades six through eight, in building X022. The DOE has published an amended EIS which corrects the bilingual programming offerings at J.H.S. 22,omits references to the Speech and Language Clinic which was incorrectly noted as being located in the building, contains corrected typographical errors, and includes updates concerning developments with respect to another DOE proposal.

If this proposal is approved, J.H.S. 22 will close at the conclusion of the 2011-2012 school year. All current students who have not completed eighth grade before the start of the 2012-2013 school year will be guaranteed seats and automatically enrolled in New School.[1]

J.H.S. 22 is co-located with Bronx Writing Academy (09X323, "Bronx Writing Academy"), an existing district middle school that currently serves students in grades six through eight. 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. There are is also a Speech and Language Clinic located in building X022. This proposal is not expected to impact this Community Based Organization ("CBO").

Both J.H.S. 22 and Bronx Writing Academy admit students through the Middle School Choice Process, with priority to students residing in each school's respective zone and then to students and residents of Districts 9 and 10. Additional information about programming and the Middle School Choice Process is contained in Section III.A of this proposal.

[1] Summer school sites are determined yearly by the DOE. If this proposal is approved, students in J.H.S 022 who require summer school to meet promotion or graduation requirements would attend summer school in one of these sites. More information on summer school can be found on the DOE's Web site at: http://schools.nyc.gov/ChoicesEnrollment/SummerSchool/default.htm.

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 J.H.S. 22 and replacing it with New School, the DOE is seeking to expeditiously improve educational quality in the X022 building. If this proposal is approved, New School will develop rigorous, school-specific competencies to measure and screen prospective staff – including J.H.S. 22 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, DOE also will maximize New School's chance of receiving up to $900,000 in supplemental federal funding under the federal School Improvement Grant ("SIG") program. New School will build on the strongest elements of J.H.S. 22 and incorporate new elements, including new talent, designed to better meet student needs. Thus, the immediate closure and replacement of J.H.S. 22 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 Amended EIS can be found on the DOE's Web site:
http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2011-2012/April2012Proposals.

Copies of the Amended EIS are also available in J.H.S 022 Jordan L. Mott's main office.

**III. Submission of public comment.**

Written comments can be sent to D09Proposals@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.**

Name: Elaine Gorman
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**V. Date, time and place of joint public hearings for this proposal.**

April 3, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.
J.H.S 022 Jordan L. Mott

270 East 167th Street
Bronx, NY, 10456

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