Amended Notice
April 20, 2012

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Chancellor

The Proposed Closure of High School of Graphic Communication Arts (02M625) and the Opening and Co-Location of a New High School (02M536) with Business of Sports School (02M393) and Urban Assembly Gateway School for Technology (02M507) in Building M625 Beginning in 2012-2013

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

On March 5, 2012, the New York City Department of Education ("DOE") issued an Educational Impact Statement ("EIS") describing a proposal to close High School of Graphic Communication Arts (02M625, "Graphics"), an existing district high school in building M625 ("M625" or "Graphics Campus"), located at 439 West 49th Street, New York, NY 10019, within the geographical confines of Community School District 2. It currently serves students in grades nine through twelve. The DOE also proposed to immediately replace Graphics with New School (02M536, "New School"); a new district high school serving students in grades nine through twelve in building M625.

If this proposal is approved, Graphics 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.

The DOE is now issuing an amended EIS that corrects the state approval status of CTE program offerings at Graphics and at New School. Some typographical errors are also corrected. However, the changes do not significantly revise the proposal itself.

Graphics is co-located with Business of Sports School (02M393, "BOSS"), an existing district high school that is phasing in, currently serving students in ninth through eleventh grades, and will serve students in ninth through twelfth grades at scale; and with Urban Assembly Gateway School for Technology (02M507, "Gateway"), an existing high school that is phasing in, currently serving students in ninth grade, and will serve students in ninth through twelfth grades at scale. In addition, the Graphics campus houses an Alternative Learning Center (88M882, "ALC"), where students attend school while they are suspended from their regular school, and a Work-Based Learning Center, which provides support to Career and Technical Education ("CTE") schools and their students who have internships with industry partners. Graphics admits

students through the Citywide High School Admissions Process through an Educational Option method. Graphics offers two Career and Technical Education programs for incoming ninth-grade students, and is in the process of phasing out three additional CTE programs currently serving students in grades ten through twelve. BOSS and Gateway both admit students through the Citywide High School Admissions Process, and each offers one CTE program. Additional information about CTE programming and the High School Admissions Process are 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 Graphics and replacing it with New School, the DOE is seeking to expeditiously improve educational quality on the Graphics campus. If this proposal is approved, New School will develop rigorous, school-specific competencies to measure and screen prospective staff – including Graphics staff who applies 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 also 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 also will 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 Graphics and incorporate new elements, including new talent designed to better meet student needs. Thus, the immediate closure and replacement of Graphics 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 Department of Education's Web site: http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2011-2012/April2012Proposals.

Copies of the Amended EIS are also available in the main offices of the High School of Graphic Community Arts, Business of Sports School, and Urban Assembly Gateway School for Technology.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D02Proposals@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 3, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.
High School of Graphic Communication Arts
439 West 49th Street
New York, NY, 10019

The joint public hearing for this proposal was already held, but additional comments and questions about this proposal can continue to be directed as indicated in section IV above.

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