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Public Comment Analysis

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Topic: The Proposed Co-Location of Alternate Learning Center (88X997) with Thomas C. Giordano Middle School 45 (10X045) in Annex Building X845, Beginning in the 2012-2013 School Year

Date of Panel Vote: April 26, 2012

Summary of Proposal

The New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) is proposing to co-locate an Alternate Learning Center (88X997, “ALC”) that currently serves approximately 53 students in grades six through eight. The ALC is currently located within the Police Athletic League’s (“PAL Longwood”) building at 991 Longwood Avenue, Bronx, NY 10459 in District 8. If this proposal is approved by the Panel for Educational Policy (“PEP”) in April 2012, the ALC will be moved to annex building X845, located at 543 East 189th Street, Bronx, NY 10458, in District 10, beginning in the 2012-2013 school year. The ALC will be co-located with Thomas C. Giordano Middle School 45 (10X045, “M.S. 45”), an existing zoned middle school with choice programs that serves students in grades six through eight, which is split-sited in school building X045, located at 2502 Lorillard Place, Bronx, NY 10458, and annex building X845 located at 543 East 189th Street, Bronx, NY 10458, in District 10. A “co-location” means that two or more school organizations are located in the same building and may share common spaces like auditoriums, gymnasiums, libraries, and cafeterias.

ALCs provide an educational setting for students who are on a Superintendent’s suspension for up to 90 days. They are typically designed to serve a maximum of 80 students. However, if this proposal is approved, the ALC co-located with M.S. 45 will be designed to serve a maximum of 60 students. Typically, ALCs have shown an average 50% attendance rate.

Building X045 has a target capacity of 1,244 students and the school’s annex building X845 has a target capacity of 108 students. In the current 2011-2012 school year, these buildings together are serving 978 students. The annex building is not currently serving students in its instructional spaces. M.S. 45 currently utilizes the gymnasium in annex building X845 and will continue to do so if this co-location proposal is approved.

If this proposal is approved, the ALC will be co-located with M.S. 45 in annex building X845 beginning in the 2012-2013 school year, and the projected total enrollment across buildings will be 945-995

students, resulting in a projected utilization rate of 70-74%, also across both buildings. Thus, buildings X045 and X845 have sufficient space to accommodate both the ALC and M.S. 45.

The DOE is proposing to co-locate the ALC in X045 because its current location, the PAL Longwood building, is a leased site where the lease is up for renewal. The DOE is currently in negotiations to renew the lease. If it is renewed, and the DOE determines the site is best used to house the ALC, this proposal may be withdrawn.

An Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) describing the proposal is available on the DOE’s Web site at: <http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2011-2012/April2012Proposals>.

Copies of the EIS are also available in the main offices of the ALC and M.S. 45.

Summary of Comments Received at the Joint Public Hearing

A joint public hearing regarding this proposal was held at school building X045 on April 5, 2012. At that hearing, interested parties had an opportunity to provide input on the proposal. Approximately 12 members of the public attended the hearing, and no one spoke. Present at the meeting were District 10 Community Superintendent Sonia Menendez; M.S. 45 School Leadership Team Representative, Principal Annamaria Giordano; ALC Principal Edward Gardella; Community Education Council (“CEC”) 10 President Marvin Shelton; Ariel Guerrero from the Division of Family and Community Engagement and Stephanie Crane from the Division of Portfolio Planning.

The following questions, comments, and remarks were made at the joint public hearing:

There were no comments made during the joint public hearing.

Summary of Issues Raised in Written and/or Oral Comments Submitted to the DOE

The DOE received no written comments and no oral comments through the dedicated Web site and phone line for this proposal.

Analysis of Issues Raised, Significant Alternatives Proposed and Changes Made to the Proposal

There were no comments made at the joint public hearing or submitted to the DOE regarding this proposal.

Changes Made to the Proposal

No changes have been made to this proposal.