



Notice
December 3, 2010

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Chancellor

The Proposed Grade Expansion of P.S. 226 (10X226) to a K-5 School

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

P.S. 226 (10X226 or “P.S. 226”) is an existing zoned elementary school located at 1950 Sedgwick Avenue, Bronx, NY, 10453, in Community School District 10. P.S. 226 currently serves students in kindergarten through fourth grade and offers a pre-kindergarten program. P.S. 226 is located in school buildings X826 and X827.

This is a proposal to implement a “grade expansion” so that P.S. 226 will serve kindergarten through fifth grade. This means that P.S. 226 would continue to serve existing students as they are promoted to fifth grade in the 2011-2012 school year. P.S. 226 would complete its grade expansion in September 2011, at which point it would enroll students in kindergarten through fifth grade and continue to offer a pre-kindergarten program. If a grade expansion is approved, total enrollment of P.S. 226 would be increased by approximately 65-75 students.

The Department of Education (DOE) strives to ensure that all students in New York City have access to high-quality schools at every stage of their education. Having elementary schools that terminate in different grades (i.e., K-4 versus K-5) creates challenges for students who must leave elementary schools after fourth grade. Students zoned to P.S. 226 for elementary school are zoned to, and often attend, M.S. 390, a middle school that currently serves students in grades five through eight. The DOE is also proposing a grade truncation of M.S. 390 to a 6-8 school.

Elementary schools typically enroll students from kindergarten through fifth grade (K-5). The proposed grade expansion of P.S. 226 will help standardize elementary school grade spans in District 10, giving P.S. 226 students the typical six years in elementary school. Once P.S. 226 serves students in grades K-5 in 2011-2012, fifth-grade students will be able to apply to middle schools through the Middle School Choice process and will have greater access to the middle school options that begin in grade 6.

The buildings in which P.S. 226 is located will have space to accommodate the fifth grade students. No further construction or facilities changes are necessary to implement the grade expansion, but the school will be under footprint by one administrative space. The administration of P.S. 226 is aware of this and is nevertheless in support of the proposed grade expansion. This minor shortage in administrative space will not affect instruction.

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/2010-2011/Jan2011Proposals>

A copy of the EIS is also available in P.S. 226’s main office.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D10Proposals@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: Izaak Orlansky
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V. Date, time and place of joint public hearings for this proposal.

January 11, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.
P.S. 226
1950 Sedgwick Avenue
Bronx, NY 10453

Questions about the proposal can 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. Interpretation services will be provided in Spanish. To request interpretation services in another language, please contact Mr. Orlansky at the e-mail address or telephone number above.

VI. Date, time and place of the Panel for Educational Policy meeting at which the Panel will vote on the proposed item.

January 19, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.
Brooklyn Technical High School
29 Fort Greene Place
Brooklyn, NY 11217