



Notice
December 3, 2010

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Chancellor

The Proposed Grade Expansion of P.S. 396 (10X396) to a K-5 School

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

P.S. 396 (10X396 or “P.S. 396”) is an existing elementary school located in building X026, at 1930 Andrews Avenue, Bronx, NY, 10453, in Community School District 10. P.S. 396 currently serves students in kindergarten through fourth grade and offers a pre-kindergarten program. P.S. 396 is co-located with M.S. 390, a middle school that currently serves students in grades five through eight. Currently, most P.S. 396 students attend M.S. 390 for middle school.

This is a proposal to implement a “grade expansion” so that P.S. 396 will serve kindergarten through fifth grade. This means that P.S. 396 would continue to serve existing students as they are promoted to fifth grade in the 2011-2012 school year. P.S. 396 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.

This proposal would allow P.S. 396 students to attend their zoned elementary school for grades K-5, the standard grade span in New York City. The proposed grade expansion will help standardize elementary school grade spans in District 10, giving P.S. 396 students the typical six years in elementary school and instructional continuity. Once P.S. 396 serves students in grades K-5 in 2011-2012, fifth-grade students will be able to attend their zoned middle school, M.S. 390, or apply to middle schools through the Middle School Choice process.

In a separate Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”), the DOE has proposed to truncate M.S. 390 so that it would serve grades six through eight, the standard middle school grade span in New York City. This truncation will help to create grade alignment in District 10 and allow for greater access to middle school options for students at many District 10 elementary schools, including P.S. 396.

The building in which P.S. 396 is located has space to accommodate the fifth grade. School building X026 has a target capacity of 1,121 and a target utilization rate of 71 percent. No further construction or facilities changes are necessary to implement the grade expansion.

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.396’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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Address: 52 Chambers Street, New York, NY 10007
Email: D10Proposals@schools.nyc.gov
Phone: 212-374-5159

V. Date, time and place of joint public hearings for this proposal.

January 4, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.
P.S. 396 / M.S. 390
1930 Andrews 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