



Notice
December 3, 2010

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Chancellor

The Proposed Co-Location of Millennium Brooklyn High School (15K684) with the Secondary School for Law (15K462), the Secondary School for Journalism (15K463), and the Secondary School for Research (15K464) in School Building K460

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

The New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) proposes to site a new selective high school, Millennium Brooklyn High School (15K684, “Millennium Brooklyn”), in school building K460 located at 237 7th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11215, in Community School District 15. If this proposal is approved, the school would be co-located with three existing 6-12 schools, the Secondary School for Law (15K462), the Secondary School for Journalism (15K463), and the Secondary School for Research (15K464), and an Alternative Learning Center (88K987, “ALC”). 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.

In two separate Educational Impact Statements (“EIS”) published on December 3, 2010, the DOE has proposed that the Secondary School for Law and the Secondary School for Journalism gradually phase out their middle school grades due to chronic under-enrollment and an inefficient use of resources. The EISs for these proposals are available on the DOE’s website: <http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2010-2011/Jan2011Proposals>. Co-locating Millennium Brooklyn is not contingent on truncating the middle school grades at the Secondary School for Law and the Secondary School for Journalism. There is currently sufficient space in K460 for all four schools to operate at scale.

In an effort to expand the pool of options for academically gifted students and to reach high-achieving students in underserved communities, the DOE has opened six new selective schools since 2002. If approved, Millennium Brooklyn would be the seventh selective school to open under this initiative. Admission to Millennium Brooklyn would be open to any student in the city who meets the school’s selection criteria¹ through the citywide high school admissions process. Millennium Brooklyn would gradually phase in by adding one grade per academic year beginning with a ninth grade cohort in September 2011.

¹ Selection criteria refers to the screened selection method under which students who apply are ranked by a school based on their academic record, standardized test scores, and attendance. There may be other items that schools use to screen applicants such as an interview, essay or test. Schools that use this method are typically referred to as selective or screened.

Millennium Brooklyn would also offer an ASD Nest program, a specialized program for students with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) that is not widely available in other New York City high schools. In the ASD Nest program, students with ASD are taught in a classroom alongside general education students.

II. Information regarding where the full text of the proposed item may be obtained.

The Educational Impact Statement can be found on the Department of Education's Web site: <http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2010-2011/Jan2011Proposals>

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to HS.Proposals@schools.nyc.gov.

Oral comments can be left at 212-374-0208.

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 hearing for this proposal.

January 11, 2011
6:00 p.m.
John Jay Campus, 237 7th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11215

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.

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