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**NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION - DIVISION OF
PORTFOLIO PLANNING**
SI D75 Re-siting to R058 - 3/15/12

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2 MS. ERMINIA CLAUDIO: Good evening. This is
3 a joint public hearing of the Department of
4 Education, Community Education Council, and
5 School Leadership Team for the proposal of the
6 re-siting of PS373R at 65 to Buildings R58 and
7 R861, consolidation with P373 at R58 and 373 at
8 R861, and the co-location with PS58 Space
9 Shuttle School Columbia, PS38, and PS/IS861
10 Staten Island, The School of Civic Leadership,
11 31R861. I am the district's community
12 superintendent, Erminia Claudio.

13 We have asked the District 31 Community
14 Education Council, the School Leadership Team of
15 PS65 to participate in this joint public
16 hearing. I am joined tonight by the School
17 Leadership Team members from P373R, Maria
18 Cuffaro, Analia Gerard, as well as Maggie
19 Mahoney, Assistant Principal, Chairperson, from
20 PS58, Anita Himmelblau, UFT Chapter Chair, Dina
21 Galanti, UFT, Lauren Fulon, UFT, Barbra
22 Panzella, PTA president, Linda Sirico, parent,
23 Tara Aiello, parent. From the CEC, we have
24 President Sam Pirozzolo and Principals
25 Mezzacappa from PS58 and Goldstein-Harnett,

1 PS73.

2 The hearing is being recorded. The purpose
3 of this hearing is for you to provide comments
4 about the proposal. Before I describe the
5 proposal, I want to make sure you are all aware
6 of the opportunity to provide your input. All
7 those who wish to speak must sign up at the
8 speaker sign-up area, which is right in front of
9 me. There's a sign-up sheet and you can sign up
10 15 minutes before it closes. Speakers will be
11 given the floor in the order that they are
12 signed up. All comments are limited to two
13 minutes.

14 There may be elected officials who will
15 arrive at different times throughout the
16 evening. If they wish to speak, we will do our
17 best to accommodate them at the first opportune
18 moment. Those who are here at the start of the
19 public comment segment will be asked to speak
20 first.

21 All comments will be mentioned in the
22 Analysis of the Public Comment to be published
23 and provided to the Panel for Educational Policy
24 the evening before the Panel votes. That vote
25 is scheduled for Wednesday, March 21, 2012.

1 In addition, we welcome any comments and
2 feedback you may have at any time before the
3 Panel votes on both proposals. The email
4 address and phone number where comments may be
5 made are D31proposals@schools.nyc.gov and the
6 phone number is 212-374-7621.

7 Proposal Summary: On February 3, 2012, the
8 New York City Department of Education issued a
9 proposal to re-site P373R, an existing District
10 75 school serving students in grades K to 5 at
11 six different sites in Staten Island. P373 at
12 R65 is one of these sites, and serves students
13 with Individualized Educational programs in
14 grades K to 5 at 98 Grant Street, Staten Island,
15 New York 10301, in Community School District 31,
16 in Building R829.

17 If this proposal is approved, beginning in
18 the 2012-2013 school year, P373R at R65's two
19 6:1:1 programs--which is six students are
20 assigned to one teacher and one
21 paraprofessional--would be served in the R58
22 building where the school would be consolidated
23 with another P373 site, P373 at 58. P73 at 58
24 also serves students in grades K through 5 with
25 IEP classifications of autistic, cognitively

1 delayed, intellectually disabled, or speech
2 impaired. The consolidated P373 at R65 and R373
3 at R58 programs would be co-located with PS58
4 Space Shuttle Columbia School, R58, an existing
5 zoned elementary school serving grades K through
6 5, which also offers two sections of half-day
7 pre-kindergarten. The R58 building is
8 approximately 7.5 miles from the R829 building.
9 Additionally, P373R at R65's 8:1:1 program--that
10 eight students are assigned to one teacher and
11 one paraprofessional--would be served in the
12 R861 building where the school would be
13 consolidated with another P373 site, P373 at
14 R861. P373 at R861 serves students in grades K
15 to 8 with IEP classifications of cognitively
16 delayed or speech impaired. The consolidation
17 P373R at R65 and R373 at R81 programs would be
18 co-located with PS/IS 861 Staten Island School
19 of Civic Leadership, an existing zoned school
20 currently serving K to 3 and 6 to 8 that also
21 offers two sections of full-day pre-
22 kindergarten. PS/IS 861 will serve grades K to
23 8 when it reaches its full scale in the 2013-
24 2014 school year. The R861 building is
25 approximately six miles from the R829 building.

1 A re-siting means a school will be located
2 in different buildings than the building is
3 located currently. A co-location means that two
4 or more school organizations will be located in
5 the same building and may share common space
6 such as auditorium, gymnasiums, or cafeterias.

7 The 2011-2012 total enrollment of R58 is 830
8 students and the utilization rate of the
9 building is approximately 106%. If this
10 proposal is approved, in the 2012-2013 school
11 year, once P373R at R65 is consolidated with
12 R373 at R58 in building R58, the enrollment will
13 be approximately 830 to 900 and the utilization
14 rate of the building would be approximately 106
15 to 115%. If this proposal is approved, in the
16 2013-2014 school year, once P373R at R65 is
17 consolidated with R373 at R58 in building R48,
18 the enrollment will be approximately 835 to 905
19 and the utilization rate of the building would
20 be approximately 107 to 116%.

21 In 2011-2012, R861 had a capacity of 681
22 students and schools in the building enrolled a
23 total of 763 students, yielding a building
24 utilization rate of 112%. If this proposal is
25 approved, in the 2012-2013 school year, once

1 P373 at R65 is consolidated with R373 and R861
2 in building R861, the enrollment will be
3 approximately 769 to 859 and the utilization
4 rate of the building would be approximately 113
5 to 126%. If this proposal is approved, in the
6 2013-2014 school year, once P373R at R65 is
7 consolidated with R373 at R865 in building R861,
8 the enrollment will be approximately 804 to 904
9 and the utilization rate of the building will be
10 approximately 118 to 133%.

11 The amended Education Impact Statement (EIS)
12 that was posted the February 7, 2012 corrected a
13 typographical error in the zip code of the
14 Building R821 in Section 1.

15 Is there anyone that would like to say
16 anything? Okay. Thank you. This concludes the
17 meeting.

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Signature: 

Date: March 16, 2012