



Revised Public Notice
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Chancellor

Revised Notice of Revised Educational Impact Statement: Re-siting of Clinton School for Writers and Artists (02M260)

I. Description of the subject, purpose and substance of the proposed item under consideration and identification of all substantial revisions to the item.

Prior to the 2010-2011 school year, Clinton School for Writers and Artists (02M260, “Clinton”), a District 2 middle school, will be moved temporarily to Saint Michael’s Academy (“St. Michael’s”), located at 425 West 33 Street, also in District 2. Clinton is currently co-located with P.S. 11 in school building M011 at 320 West 21 Street, Manhattan. St. Michael’s will be a leased facility; the Department of Education (“DOE”) has reached agreement on key business terms with the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of New York to lease St. Michael’s for public middle school use.

This will be a temporary relocation for Clinton. The DOE and the School Construction Authority (“SCA”) have contracted to acquire property at 10 East 15 Street, in District 2, on which a permanent facility will be constructed for Clinton. The SCA is in the process of obtaining the final public approvals required under its enabling legislation to acquire the property and construct the permanent facility. The Clinton community has been strongly supportive of acquiring this property for its permanent facility. This facility will also house a 550-seat high school. The target completion date for this new building is September 2014. Clinton will be able to remain at St. Michael’s until the new facility is ready for occupancy. The re-siting of Clinton to 10 East 15 Street will be addressed in a separate Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) at a later date.

In the original EIS for the re-siting of Clinton, published on January 8, 2010, the DOE proposed to re-site Clinton from school building M011 to school building M033. Also on that date, the DOE proposed to re-site the majority of the P138M program at M033 to M047, in order to create space for Clinton in M033. A further analysis of the M047 facility revealed that the elevator capacity of M047 could not adequately serve the number of wheelchair and mobility impaired students proposed to move into that building. Based on this information, the DOE issued a new proposal on March 5, 2010. The March 5th EIS proposed to keep the existing P138M program in M033 and to move Clinton to M047. With this new proposal, no District 75 students would have been relocated, and only one school would have had to move rather than two. The March 5th EIS was amended on April 12, 2010, to include additional information about the proposed space allocation at M047.

While the DOE advanced the proposal to re-site Clinton and temporarily co-locate it with existing schools in M047, it continued to explore additional options. The DOE and the SCA identified St. Michael's as an alternative to M047 to address concerns raised during the public comment period, such as ensuring that Clinton would have more classroom and physical education space for students than would have been available at M047.

The re-siting of Clinton from M011 and eventually to a new facility is necessary to provide additional capacity at the elementary school level in the West Village and Chelsea areas of District 2. Moving Clinton from the M011 building will allow P.S. 11, an elementary school that serves zoned students and is currently co-located with Clinton at M011, to expand. P.S. 11 is expected to need at least 3 additional classrooms in 2010-11 to address the articulation of currently enrolled students; these classrooms would have come from both Clinton and P.S. 11 relinquishing classrooms currently used as cluster rooms. P.S. 11 is expected to need 3-4 additional classrooms in 2011-2012 to address the anticipated increase in Kindergarten demand and articulation of existing students. P.S. 11 recently had to give up its library and a cluster room; both would be reclaimed in the event of Clinton's move.

II. Summary of public comments received.

After the DOE's initial public notice on March 5, 2010, four joint public hearings were held regarding the proposal to re-site Clinton to M047. Comments made at the hearings are summarized as follows:

Critics opposed to the proposal stated that Clinton's co-location with 47, 347, and P138M@M047 would (a) lead to extreme overcrowding, particularly in the gymnasium and cafeteria; (b) create fire safety hazards; and (c) lead to overcrowding on neighborhood streets at dismissal time. Moreover, critics, particularly from 47, expressed concerns that (a) the DOE did not consult Clinton, 47, 347, or P138M@M047 prior to changing the original proposal to move Clinton to M033 and (b) with this co-location, 47 would lose out on utilization of the space vacated by Quest to Learn and would not have access to the science laboratory. Many critics also charged that the target capacity and utilization information in the DOE's Blue Book is inaccurate.

Critics proposed that Clinton remain at P.S. 11 until Clinton's new facility is complete - or at least for one additional year - and proposed that instead, the P.S. 11 G&T program and P.S. 11 zoned students be assigned to P.S. 33, the school north of P.S. 11, to make room for Clinton and the articulation of new students into P.S. 11.

Proponents of the proposal stated that Clinton's co-location with 47, 347, and P138M@M047 would (a) alleviate severe overcrowding at P.S. 11; (b) bolster student performance of at-risk students at P.S. 11; (c) create space for P.S. 11's collaborative team teaching and G&T classes; and (d) allow P.S. 11 to regain the library and cluster rooms.

The DOE also collected oral and written comments during the public review period. Comments submitted are summarized as follows:

Critics opposed to the proposal stated that Clinton's co-location with 47, 347, and P138M@M047 would (a) reduce the number of middle school seats available in Greenwich Village and Chelsea neighborhoods; (b) create a fire safety hazard, as evidenced by an April 26, 2010, UFT Life Safety Inspection Report on M047, which lists a number of concerns regarding fire safety conditions in the building; (c) according to the SCA's floor plan, result in insufficient space for Clinton students and staff members on M047's third floor, specifically regarding the lack of sufficient sinks in the student bathrooms, teacher planning or student intervention space, and administrative space. Critics also emphasized that all of the libraries in M047 are needed by 47 and 347.

Proponents of the proposal stated that (a) P.S. 11's funding for the Library and Computer Program would be in jeopardy if Clinton remained at M011, and (b) P.S. 11's G&T program enrolls students from the zones for P.S. 41, P.S. 3, P.S. 116, P.S. 234, and P.S. 4, and re-siting P.S. 11's G&T students to another building would present a significant hardship to those students.

An analysis of comments made at the joint public hearing and oral and written comments submitted to the Department of Education will be published on the DOE's Web site prior to meeting of the Panel of Educational Policy at which this proposal will be considered.

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

The Revised [Educational Impact Statement](#) can be found on the DOE's Web site: <http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/June22PublicCommentPeriod>.

Copies of the Revised Educational Impact Statement may also be obtained at Clinton, P.S. 11, and the District 2 Office of the Superintendent, which is located at 333 Seventh Avenue, Manhattan.

IV. Submission of public comment.

Written comments on this revised proposal can be sent to D02Proposals@schools.nyc.gov.

Oral comments can be left at 718-935-4415.

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

June 17, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.
320 West 21 Street, Manhattan (P.S. 11)

Speaker sign-up will begin 30 minutes before the hearing and will close 15 minutes after the start.

VII. Date, time and place of the PEP meeting at which the Panel will vote on the proposed item.

June 22, 2010
6:00 p.m.
Murry Bergtraum High School for Business Careers
411 Pearl Street, Manhattan