



Notice
October 25, 2012

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Chancellor

The Proposed Co-location of a New Public Early Childhood Program, Educare, with Existing School P.S. 41 – Francis White (23K041) in Building K041 Beginning in 2013-2014

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

The New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) is proposing to site Educare (“Educare NYC”), a new full-day, year-round public early childhood program that will serve children from ages six-weeks to five-years-old in Building K041 (“K041”), located at 411 Thatford Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11212, in Community School District 23 beginning in the 2013-2014 school year. Educare NYC would be co-located in K041 with P.S. 41 Francis White (“P.S. 41”), an existing zoned district school that serves students in kindergarten through eighth grades. A “co-location” means that two or more organizations are located in the same building and may share common spaces like auditoriums, gymnasiums, and cafeterias.

Educare NYC is a new year-round, public early childhood program. The Educare Learning Network (“Educare”) is a partnership between the Ounce of Prevention Fund, the Buffett Early Childhood Fund, and other national philanthropies and public-private partners. Educare currently serves over 2,600 children at 17 schools across the United States. The Educare model draws from a wide range of research-based practices that foster learning environments that support infants, toddlers and young children who are growing up in high-needs communities.

Educare NYC will be Educare’s first pilot program in New York City and will provide full-day and year-round early childhood services for children and their families based on their residence and family income. Educare NYC will be supported by a local public-private partnership and will provide children and families with programming and instructional support which increases school readiness and strengthens the ability of families to support their children’s learning in K-12.

If this pilot proposal is approved, Educare NYC would open in September 2013 in K041 and would serve approximately 35-55 children from ages six-weeks to five years-old. Educare NYC would reach full scale in 2014-2015, at which point it would serve approximately 115-135 children. The program would admit children based on their zip code and their family’s income. A percentage of seats will likely also be reserved for the students from the most vulnerable families, as described in further detail in Section III below. K041 would also house Educare NYC’s Leadership Institute, which will serve as a training hub for aspiring and current directors of early childhood education programs in Brownsville and across New York City.

A local community-based organization (“CBO”) will be responsible for the day-to-day program delivery at Educare NYC. The DOE and the Administration for Children’s Services (“ACS”) are currently conducting a search to determine the local CBO partner that will provide these services. ACS and DOE expect the local CBO partner will be announced by the end of November 2012.

K041 has been identified as an under-utilized building. K041 has the capacity to serve 885 students, but in 2012-2013, P.S. 41 is projected to serve 642 students in kindergarten through eighth grades. This yields a building utilization rate of approximately 73%, which demonstrates that the building is “under-utilized” and has space to accommodate additional students. If this proposal is approved, in 2014-2015 when Educare NYC is fully phased in, K041 would serve approximately 115-135 children from Educare NYC and 585-675 students from P.S. 41, which yields a projected utilization rate of 79%-92%. Thus, K041 has sufficient space to accommodate the proposed co-location.

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/2012-2013/Dec2012Proposals.htm>.

Copies of the EIS are also available in P.S 41’s main office.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D23Proposals@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 hearings for this proposal.

Thursday, December 6, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

Building K041
411 Thatford Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11212

Questions about the proposal should 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.

December 12, 2012 at 6:00 PM

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