



Notice
October 25, 2012

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Chancellor

The Proposed Opening and Co-location of Citizens of the World Charter School New York 1 (84KTBD) in Building K126 with Existing Schools John Ericsson Middle School (14K126) and Believe Northside Charter High School (84K693) Beginning in the 2013-2014 School Year

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

The New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) is proposing to open and co-locate a new public charter school, Citizens of the World Charter School New York 1 (84KTBD, “Citizens”) in building K126 (“K126”), which is located at 424 Leonard Street, Brooklyn, NY 11222, in Brooklyn’s Community School District 14, beginning in the 2013-2014 school year. Citizens will serve students in kindergarten through fifth grades. If this proposal is approved, Citizens will be co-located in K126 with existing schools John Ericsson Middle School (14K126, “Ericsson Middle”), an existing district middle school that serves sixth- through eighth-grade students, and Believe Northside Charter High School (84K693, “Believe Northside”), an existing charter school that serves ninth- through twelfth-grade students, beginning in the 2013-2014 school year. Building K126 also houses Beacon, an after-school program run by the YMCA.

In Summer 2010, Citizens’ charter was authorized by the State University of New York Charter Schools Institute (“SUNY CSI”) to serve students in kindergarten through fifth grades. Citizens will partner with Citizens of the World Charter Schools (“Citizens Schools”), a national network of charter schools. Citizens will open with kindergarten and first grade classes in 2013-2014 and will add one grade each year until it serves students in kindergarten through fifth grades in 2017-2018. The school will admit students via the charter lottery application process, with preference given to District 14 residents.

According to the 2011-2012 Enrollment Capacity Utilization Report (the “Blue Book”), K126 has the capacity to serve a total of 1,366 students. K126 is projected to serve 668 students in 2012-2013, yielding a projected utilization rate of approximately 49%. This means that the building is “underutilized” and has space to accommodate additional students. If this proposal is approved, in 2017-2018, once Citizens’ kindergarten through fifth grades have fully phased in and the school has reached full scale, Citizens is projected to serve 342-432 students, Ericsson Middle is projected to serve 255-285 sixth- through eighth-grade students, and Believe Northside is projected to serve 360-420 ninth- through twelfth-grade students for a total of 957-1,137 students, yielding a utilization rate of 70%-83%.

Background on the DOE's Decision-Making Process

The DOE strives to ensure that all students in New York City have access to a diverse range of high-quality schools at every stage of their education. To this end, each year, the DOE evaluates public school buildings throughout the City that are under-utilized or have extra space to accommodate additional students. Building K126 in District 14 is currently under-utilized. Therefore, the DOE is proposing to co-locate Citizens, a new public elementary charter school, with John Ericsson and Believe Northside. The opening of Citizens is intended to create an additional high-quality educational option for families in District 14.

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

The Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) and Building Utilization Plan (“BUP”) 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 and BUP are also available in the Ericsson Middle and Believe Northside’s main offices.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D14Proposals@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.

Name: Gabrielle Wyatt
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V. Date, time and place of joint public hearings for this proposal.

December 5, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.
John Ericsson Middle School
424 Leonard Street,
Brooklyn, NY 11222

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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