



Notice  
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## **The Proposed Opening and Co-location of Achievement First Central Brooklyn Charter School (84KTBD) with Existing Schools I.S. 347 School of Humanities (32K347) and I.S. 349 Math, Science and Tech (32K349) in Building K111 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 open and site public charter school, Achievement First Central Brooklyn Charter School (84KTBD, “AF Central Brooklyn”) in building K111 (“K111”), located at 35 Starr Street, Brooklyn, NY 11221, in Community School District 32, beginning in the 2013-2014 school year. AF Central Brooklyn would be co-located in K111 with existing schools I.S. 347 School of Humanities (32K1347, “I.S. 347”), an existing zoned and academic screened middle school that serves sixth through eighth grade students, and I.S. 349 Math, Science and Tech (32K349, “I.S. 349”), an existing zoned and academic screened middle school that serves sixth through eighth grade students. Building K111 also provides space to the Beacon program, a community-based organization. A “co-location” means that two or more school organizations are located in the same building and may share common spaces like auditoriums, gymnasiums, libraries, and cafeterias.

In October 2010, AF Central Brooklyn’s charter was authorized by the State University of New York Charter Schools Institute (“SUNY CSI”) to serve students in kindergarten through ninth grade. AF Central Brooklyn will be managed by Achievement First Schools (“Achievement First”), a Charter Management Organization (“CMO”). If this proposal is approved, AF Central Brooklyn will open with fifth grade in 2013-2014, and will add one grade each year until it serves students in fifth through eighth grade in 2016-2017 in K111. AF Central Brooklyn also plans to open its kindergarten classes in 2014-2015 and begin phasing up one grade per year until it serves students in kindergarten through fourth grades. However, this proposal deals only with the fifth through eighth grades of AF Central Brooklyn. Any future proposal to co-locate the other grades of AF Central Brooklyn in any building would be addressed in a separate Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) subject to a separate vote by the Panel for Education Policy. The school will admit students via the charter lottery application process, with preference given to District 32 residents.

According to the 2011-2012 Enrollment Capacity Utilization Report (the “Blue Book”), K111 has the capacity to serve a total of 1428 students. In 2012-2013, I.S. 347 is projected to serve 505 students, and I.S. 349 is projected to serve 456 students. This yields a projected utilization rate of approximately 67%. This means that the building is “underutilized” and has space to accommodate additional students. If this proposal is approved, in 2016-2017, once AF Central Brooklyn Brooklyn’s fifth through eighth grades have fully phased in, AF Central Brooklyn is projected to serve 303-386 fifth through eighth grade students, I.S. 347 is projected to serve 510-540 sixth through eighth grade students, and I.S. 349 is projected to serve 405-435 sixth through eighth grade students, yielding a projected building utilization rate of approximately 85-95%.

## *Background on the DOE's Decision-Making Process*

Achievement First currently manages a total of six charter schools in New York City. Of the five schools eligible for Progress Reports in 2011-2012, the most recent year for which Progress Reports are available, four schools, AF Crown Heights, AF Brownsville, AF Endeavor, and AF Bushwick, received an overall grade of A on the Progress Reports and one school, AF East New York, received an overall grade of B.

The DOE recognizes Achievement First's record of success and supports AF Central Brooklyn's placement in District 32 in order to continue providing educational opportunities for students and families.

### **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 I.S. 347 and I.S. 349's main office.

### **III. Submission of public comment.**

Written comments can be sent to [D32Proposals@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:D32Proposals@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.**

November 28, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.  
I.S. 347/I.S. 349  
35 Starr Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11221

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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225 West 24th Street  
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