



Notice
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Chancellor

The Proposed Extension of the Co-location of Coney Island Preparatory Public Charter School (84K744) with Existing Schools I.S. 303 Herbert S. Eisenberg (21K303), Rachel Carson High School for Coastal Studies (21K344), and a District 75 School (75K771) in School Building K303 Beginning in 2013-2014

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

Coney Island Preparatory Public Charter School (84K744, “Coney Island Prep”) is an existing public charter school that currently serves students in grades five through eight in building K303 (“K303”) located at 501 West Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11224 in Community School District 21. Coney Island Prep is co-located with I.S. 303 Herbert S. Eisenberg (21K303, “I.S. 303”), an existing DOE zoned middle school that serves students in grades six through eight, Rachel Carson High School for Coastal Studies (21K344, “Rachel Carson”), an existing DOE high school that serves students in grades nine through twelve, and one site of a multi-sited District 75 school (75K771, “P771K@I303”) that serves students in grades six through eight in an inclusion program with I.S. 303. A “co-location” means that two or more school organizations are located in the same building and may share common spaces like auditoriums, gymnasiums, and cafeterias. In the 2012-2013 school year, K303 also houses the District 21 Food Services Office, the District 21 Superintendent’s Office, and the offices of the Community Education Council (“CEC”) for District 21. After the 2012-2013 school year, the offices for the Superintendent and the CEC will no longer be housed in K303. This is a proposal to make the co-location of Coney Island Prep’s fifth through eighth grades at K303 permanent.

On April 28, 2011, The Panel for Educational Policy (“PEP”) approved a proposal, originally published on March 4, 2011 and amended on March 19, 2011 and April 2, 2011, to temporarily co-locate Coney Island Prep at K303 for the 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 school years. The approved proposal stated that the DOE would evaluate the available space in K303 and other District 21 locations before the start of the 2013-2014 school year and issue a new Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) for the long-term siting of Coney Island Prep based on the most appropriate space available for the 2013-2014 school year and beyond. After completing the evaluation, the DOE has determined that K303 is the most appropriate space for the long-term siting of Coney Island Prep’s fifth through eighth grades and is thus issuing this proposal.

Coney Island Prep is projected to serve 355 students in fifth through eighth grade in the 2012-2013 school year. Coney Island Prep was approved by its charter authorizer, the DOE, to open a public charter school in Community School District 21 in 2009-2010. The DOE approved Coney Island Prep’s proposal to open with fifth grade classes in 2009-2010 and to add one grade each year until it served students in fifth through eighth grade. Coney Island Prep grew to full scale by the start of this school year, 2012-2013, and now serves students in fifth through eighth grade. Coney Island Prep provides a preference to District 21 students in its charter school lottery

application process. Coney Island Prep has informed the DOE that it intends to apply to expand its grade span to serve students in grades five through twelve, reaching full scale in 2016-2017. This proposal is for the permanent extension of the co-location of Coney Island Prep's fifth through eighth grades only.

As stated above, K303 currently houses three school organizations: I.S. 303, Rachel Carson, and P771K@I303. I.S. 303 is a zoned DOE middle school that also has a talent magnet program, which enrolls students according to application auditions. In 2012-2013, I.S. 303 is projected to serve approximately 615 sixth through eighth grade students. Rachel Carson is a DOE high school that enrolls students through the Citywide high school admissions process and exercises a Limited Unscreened selection method. In 2012-2013, Rachel Carson HS is projected to serve approximately 446 ninth through twelfth grade students. P771K@I303 is a District 75 inclusion program. P771K@I303 students are enrolled in I.S. 303's general education classes based on their Individualized Education Program ("IEP") recommendations and receive Special Education Teacher Support Services ("SETSS"). In 2012-2013, P771K@I303 is projected to serve 20 sixth through eighth grade students.

K303 has the capacity to serve 1,661 students and, in 2012-2013, is projected to serve 1,436 total students, which yields an estimated building utilization rate of 86%. Because grade spans and enrollment are not expected to shift as a result of this proposal, it is anticipated that the utilization rate in K303 in 2013-2014 will be approximately 81%-91%.

The DOE does not anticipate that this proposal will affect student enrollment, the admissions process or instructional programming at I.S. 303, Rachel Carson or P771K@I303.

Background on the DOE's Decision-Making Process

The DOE strives to ensure that all students in New York City have access to a high-quality school at every stage of their education. In determining the optimal way to distribute space to schools, the DOE is proposing to extend the co-location of Coney Island Prep's fifth through eighth grades in K303, which would allow Coney Island Prep to continue to exist as a high-quality option for students and families in District 21.

Coney Island Prep opened in 2009-2010 and served 90 fifth grade students in 2009-2010. Coney Island Prep has been phasing in one grade level per year and is projected to serve 355 fifth through eighth grade students in 2012-2013.

Coney Island Prep is a high-quality option that is meeting the needs of its students. Coney Island Prep received an A on both its 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 Progress Reports. In 2011-2012, 49% of Coney Island Prep's students performed on grade level in English Language Arts ("ELA"), putting Coney Island Prep in the top 27% of all middle schools in New York City. That same year, 79% of Coney Island Prep's students performed on grade level in math, putting Coney Island Prep in the top 16% of elementary schools in New York City. Also, in 2010-2011, Coney Island Prep was in the top 5% of middleschools in terms of learning growth in math.

Coney Island Prep provides admissions preference for District 21 students. In 2011-2012, 82% of its students resided within District 21.

The DOE believes in Coney Island Prep's record of success and supports the continued placement of Coney Island Prep in District 21 in order to continue providing excellent 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 DOE’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 main office of I.S. 303, P771K@I303, Coney Island Prep, and Rachel Carson.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D21Proposals@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.

December 3, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.
Building K303
501 West Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11224

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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