



Notice
October 26, 2012

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Chancellor

The Proposed Re-siting and Co-location of The Young Women's Leadership School of Brooklyn (14K614) in Building K147 with Existing School P.S. 147 Isaac Remsen (14K147) 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 re-site the Young Women's Leadership School of Brooklyn (14K614, "YWLS"), an existing all-girls secondary school that currently serves students in sixth through tenth grades, to building K147 ("K147"), which is located at 325 Bushwick Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11206, in Community School District 14 beginning in the 2013-2014 school year. YWLS opened in 2008 and was approved by the DOE to be a secondary school. YWLS will continue adding one grade per year in K147 until it serves grades six through twelve in the 2014-2015 school year. YWLS would be co-located in K147 with P.S. 147 Isaac Remsen (14K147, "P.S. 147"), an existing DOE school that currently serves students in kindergarten through fifth grades ("K-5") and offers a full-day pre-kindergarten program. If this proposal is approved, YWLS would be re-sited and co-located with P.S. 147 in K147 beginning in the 2013-2014 school year. A re-siting means students will attend classes in a different building than in previous years, and 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.

YWLS is designed to serve female students only. The school is part of the Young Women's Leadership Network, an organization that helps create single-gender public schools and college access programs across the country, and whose mission is to raise expectations, improve performance, and inspire leadership for young girls.

YWLS is currently co-located in building K049 ("K049") with the Green School: An Academy for Environmental Careers (14K454, "Green School") and Lyons Community School (14K586, "Lyons Community"), at 223 Graham Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11206, in Brooklyn's Community School District 14. YWLS currently enrolls sixth through eighth grade students through the District 14 Middle School Choice Process and ninth through tenth grade students through the Citywide High School Admissions Process and will continue to do so when it reaches full scale in 2014-2015.

P.S. 147 serves zoned elementary school students and is currently co-located with the Brooklyn Latin School (14K449, "Brooklyn Latin"), an existing high school that serves students in ninth through twelfth grades in K147. In a separate Educational Impact Statement ("EIS") posted on

October 26, 2012, the DOE has proposed to re-site and co-locate Brooklyn Latin with the Green School and Lyons Community to K049 beginning in 2013-2014. If that proposal is approved by the Panel for Educational Policy (“PEP”), Brooklyn Latin will no longer serve ninth through twelfth grade students in building K147 at conclusion of the 2012-2013 school year. In the 2013-2014 school year, Brooklyn Latin will serve students in ninth through twelfth grades in K049.

For the purposes of this EIS describing the proposal to re-site and co-locate YWLS, it is assumed that the proposal to re-site and co-locate Brooklyn Latin in K049 will be approved by the PEP. However, if the proposal to re-site and co-locate Brooklyn Latin in K049 is not approved, there is sufficient space in K147 for the co-location of YWLS with P.S. 147 and Brooklyn Latin, though this EIS would be revised as necessary.

According to the 2011-2012 Enrollment Capacity Utilization Report (the “Blue Book”), building K147 has the capacity to serve a total of 1,147 students. In 2012-2013, P.S. 147 is projected to serve 202 kindergarten through fifth-grade students and 36 pre-kindergarten students, and Brooklyn Latin is projected to serve 523 students in building K147. This yields a projected utilization rate of approximately 66%. This means that the building is “underutilized” and has space to accommodate additional students. If this proposal and the proposal to re-site and co-locate Brooklyn Latin to K049 are both approved, in 2013-2014, once YWLS is re-sited to K147, YWLS is projected to serve 360-420 sixth through eleventh grade students, and P.S. 147 is projected to serve 190-250 kindergarten through fifth grade students and 36 pre-kindergarten students, for a total of 586-706 students, yielding a projected building utilization rate of approximately 51%-62%. The DOE does not anticipate that the proposed co-location will affect the pre-kindergarten program at P.S. 147.

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 YWLS and P.S. 147’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.

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

November 26, at 6:00 pm
Building K147
325 Bushwick Avenue, Brooklyn NY 11206

November 30, 2012 at 6:00 pm
Building K049
223 Graham Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11206

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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