



Notice
November 5, 2012

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Chancellor

The Proposed Co-Location of a New Public Charter School, Success Academy Charter School – Bronx 3 (84XTBD) with Existing School P.S. 146 Edward Collins (08X146) in Building X146 Beginning in 2013-2014

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

On September 20th, The New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) proposed to co-locate kindergarten through second grades of a new public charter school, Success Academy Charter School – Bronx 3 (84XTBD, “SA-Bronx 3”), in building X146 (“X146”), located at 968 Cauldwell Avenue, Bronx, NY 10456, in Community School District 8, beginning in 2013-2014. SA-Bronx 3 would be co-located with P.S. 146 Edward Collins (08X146, “P.S. 146”), a zoned elementary school serving kindergarten through fifth grades and a pre-kindergarten program. That proposal was scheduled to be considered by the Panel for Educational Policy (“PEP”) on November 8, 2012.

The DOE is now reissuing the proposal in the wake of disruptions caused by Hurricane Sandy; this re-issued proposal will be subject to a vote at the PEP’s meeting on December 20, 2012. SA-Bronx 3 is a new public charter school that will serve grades K-5. However, this proposal only involves the co-location of SA-Bronx 3’s kindergarten through second grades. Success Academy Charter Schools (“SACS”) is a charter management organization (“CMO”) that currently operates 12 public elementary charter schools in New York City. SACS has been authorized by the State University of New York Charter Schools Institute (“SUNY”) to operate six new public elementary schools starting in 2013-2014. The four SACS elementary schools that received a Progress Report for the 2010-2011 school year all received an overall grade of A.

If this proposal is approved, SA-Bronx 3 will begin serving a total of 140-180 kindergarte and first grade students in 2013-2014 in building X146. In 2014-2015, SA-Bronx 3 would add second grade, and serve 195-250 students in kindergarten through second grade. In 2015-2016 and beyond, SA-Bronx 3 is projected to serve approximately 210-270 kindergarten through second grade students in X146. The DOE will consider all long-term options to accommodate the future siting of grades three through five; any such proposals will be the subject of separate Educational Impact Statements (“EIS”). The school would admit students via its charter lottery application process, with preference given to District 2 residents, and a set aside, described in more detail below, for English Language Learners.

According to the 2010-2011 Enrollment Capacity Utilization Report (the “Blue Book”), X146 has the capacity to serve 630 students. If this proposal is approved, the building would serve approximately 676-796 students and have a utilization rate of 107-126% in 2015-2016 when SA-Bronx 3 has phased in its second grade and reached its long-term projected enrollment for those grades. As discussed in Section III.B of the attached Educational Impact Statement and in the attached Building Utilization Plan (“BUP”), while the anticipated utilization rate is in excess of 100%, as detailed in the BUP, both schools will receive space that meets both of their instructional needs, and the building has space to accommodate P.S. 146 and kindergarten through second grades of SA-Bronx 3.

In the 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 school years, grades kindergarten through second of Success Academy Charter School – Bronx 2 (“SA-Bronx 2”) were co-located with P.S. 146 in the X146 building . Therefore, the DOE anticipates that this site will be a good fit for SA-Bronx 3, as the P.S. 146 community is accustomed to being co-located with SACS schools. In sum, the DOE supports the permanent placement of grades kindergarten through second of SA-Bronx 3 in building X146 in order to continue providing new educational opportunities for students and families.

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

The EIS and 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 P.S. 146 Edward Collins’ main office.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D08Proposals@schools.nyc.gov.

Oral comments can be left at 212-374-5159.

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: Jean-Pierre (JP) Jacquet
Office: Division of Portfolio Planning
Address: 52 Chambers Street, New York, NY 10007
Email: D08Proposals@schools.nyc.gov
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V. Date, time and place of joint public hearings for this proposal.

December 17, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.
P.S. 146 Edward Collins
968 Cauldwell Avenue
Bronx, NY 10456

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. This document further serves as formal notice that in the event of cancellation of the above-noticed joint public hearing date and time due to inclement weather or other unforeseen occurrence, event, or emergency, the joint public hearing will be held on the following alternate schedule:

Alternate Date: December 18th, 2012
Alternate Time: 6:00pm
Alternate Location: P.S. 146 Edward Collins
968 Cauldwell Avenue
Bronx, NY 10456

Please reserve both the original scheduled and alternate dates, times, and locations in your calendars. In the event of cancellation of the original scheduled joint public hearing due to the reasons set forth above, the alternate date, time, and location set forth above will automatically serve as the operative joint public hearing schedule without further formal notice.

VII. Date, time and place of the Panel for Educational Policy meeting at which the Panel will vote on the proposed item.

December 20, 2012 at 6:00 PM
The High School of Fashion Industries
225 West 24th Street
New York, NY 10011