



Notice
November 5, 2012

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Chancellor

The Proposed Co-location of a New Public Charter School, Success Academy Charter School – Brooklyn 6 (84KTBD) with Existing School P.S. 138 - Brooklyn (17K138) in Building K138 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”) is proposed to site Success Academy Charter School – Brooklyn 6 (84KTBD, “SA - Brooklyn 6”) at Building K138. That proposal was scheduled to be considered by the Panel for Educational Policy (“PEP”) on November 8, 2012..

The DOE is now re-issuing the proposal in the wake of the 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 – Brooklyn 6 is a new public charter school that will serve students in kindergarten through fifth grade in Building K138 (“K138”), located at 760 Prospect Place, Brooklyn, NY 11216, in Community School District 17 beginning in 2013-2014. SA - Brooklyn 6 would be co-located in K138 with P.S. 138 (“P.S. 138”), an existing zoned school that serves students in kindergarten through eighth grade and offers three sections of full-day pre-kindergarten. 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. K138 also houses one community-based organization, the Medgar Evers College Beacon program, which provides after-school youth development activities for the P.S. 138 community. The District 17 Community Education Council’s office is also located in K138.

SA - Brooklyn 6 is authorized by its charter authorizer, the State University of New York Charter Schools Institute (“SUNY”), to serve grades K-5. Success Academy Charter Schools (“SACS”) is a charter management organization that currently operates 12 public elementary charter schools in New York City. SACS has been authorized by SUNY to operate six new public elementary charter schools starting in 2013-2014, including SA - Brooklyn 6. The four SACS elementary schools that received a Progress Report for the 2010-2011 school year received an overall grade of A.

If this proposal is approved, SA - Brooklyn 6 would open in September 2013 and would serve 164-210 students in kindergarten and first grade, and would add one grade each year until it reaches full scale in 2017-2018. At that time, SA - Brooklyn 6 would serve approximately 434-

556 students in kindergarten through fifth grade. The school would admit students via its charter lottery application process, with preference given to District 17 residents, and a set aside, described in more detail below, for English Language Learners.

K138 has been identified as an under-utilized building. K138 has the capacity to serve 1,468 students, but in 2012-2013 P.S. 138 is projected to serve 757 students in kindergarten through eighth grade and 54 students in pre-kindergarten. This yields a building utilization rate of approximately 55%, which demonstrates that the building is “under-utilized” and has space to accommodate additional students. If this proposal is approved, in 2017-2018, K138 would serve 1,158-1,370 students from SA - Brooklyn 6 and P.S. 138 collectively, which yields a projected utilization rate of 79%-93%. Thus, K138 has sufficient space to accommodate the proposed co-location.

The DOE supports SA - Brooklyn 6’s placement in District 17 and anticipates that it will provide an additional excellent educational opportunity for students.

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 P.S. 138’s main office.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D17Proposals@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: Stephen Demers
Office: Division of Portfolio Planning
Address: 52 Chambers Street, New York, NY 10007
Email: D17Proposals@schools.nyc.gov.
Phone: 212-374-0208

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

December 13, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.
Maggie L. Walker Campus
1224 Park Place
Brooklyn, NY 11213

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 17, 2012
Alternate Time: 6:00pm
Alternate Location: Maggie L. Walker Campus
1224 Park Place
Brooklyn, NY 11213

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