



Amended Notice
November 20, 2012

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Chancellor

Proposed Grade Truncation of Brooklyn College Academy (22K555) from 7-12 to 9-12

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

Brooklyn College Academy (22K555) is an existing district school that currently serves students in grades seven through twelve. The school is split-sited between school building K917 (“K917”), located at 350 Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11218, in Community School District 15, and building K555 (“K555”), located at 2900 Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11210, in Community School District 22. Students in grades seven through ten are served at K917 and students in grades eleven and twelve are served at K555. Brooklyn College Academy is a citywide choice option and admits seventh and eighth grade students through a school-based application and ninth through twelfth grade students through the Citywide High School Admissions Process by a screened admissions method. The New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) is proposing to implement a “grade truncation” whereby Brooklyn College Academy will no longer serve seventh and eighth grade students and will only serve ninth through twelfth grade students. Beginning in 2013-2014, Brooklyn College Academy will increase its ninth grade enrollment in order to replace the middle school seats lost as a result of this proposed truncation. Therefore, Brooklyn College Academy’s total enrollment will ultimately remain at its current level.

This amended notice provides a new date for the vote by the Panel for Educational Policy (“PEP”) on this proposal. This proposal was scheduled to be voted on at the November 8, 2012 meeting of the Panel for Educational Policy. Due to recusals on behalf of voting PEP members, this proposal will now be voted on at the December 20, 2012 meeting of the Panel for Educational Policy. Details on the new PEP meeting date and location are included in Section VI. below.

Brooklyn College Academy’s seventh through tenth grades, which are served at K917, are co-located with one site of a multi-sited District 75 (“D75”) program, P077 (75K077, “P077K@917K”), which serves ninth and tenth grade students. The Brooklyn College Academy eleventh and twelfth grades, which are served at K555, are co-located with another site of P077 (75K077, “P077K@555K”), which serves eleventh and twelfth grade students. At both sites, the D75 program serves students who are on the autism spectrum, have significant cognitive delays, or are severely emotionally challenged, sensory impaired, and/or multiply disabled in an inclusion setting. In an inclusion program, a student with special needs receives services in a general education classroom along with general education students. Students in the D75 inclusion program at Brooklyn College Academy are enrolled in general education classes based

on their Individualized Education Program (“IEP”) recommendations and also receive Special Education Teacher Support Services (“SETSS”). In the 2011-2012 school year, P077K@917K served two inclusion sections of ninth through tenth grade students and P077K@555K served one inclusion section of eleventh and twelfth grade students. This proposal to truncate Brooklyn College Academy is not expected to impact the admissions, enrollment, or academic offerings of P077K@917K or P077K@555K.

K555, which houses Brooklyn College Academy’s eleventh and twelfth grades, is located on the campus of Brooklyn College of the City of New York (“Brooklyn College”). The building is leased by the DOE for Brooklyn College Academy under the conditions of a Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) with Brooklyn College. Brooklyn College Academy shares space and facilities with Brooklyn College and its eleventh and twelfth grade students are eligible to enroll in college-level courses at Brooklyn College.

If this proposal is approved, Brooklyn College Academy will gradually stop serving middle school students in seventh and eighth grades. After the 2012-2013 school year, Brooklyn College Academy will no longer enroll seventh grade students, and after the 2013-2014 school year, Brooklyn College Academy will no longer enroll eighth grade students. The school will serve students in grades nine through twelve.

In each of those two years, there may be students who do not meet promotional standards and are required to repeat a grade that the school will no longer serve. The Office of Student Enrollment will work with those families to determine an appropriate placement in the students’ districts of residence. As per Chancellor’s Regulation A-101, these students will have a priority to their zoned schools and eligibility to choice schools to which students in the district of residence are eligible. In the unlikely event that there are enough hold-over students in a discontinued grade to maintain a class section, it is anticipated that the school will offer that grade to those hold-over students for an additional year

As is the current case, eighth grade students in the next two school years who meet promotional standards will apply to high school through the High School Admissions Process, with a priority for enrollment in Brooklyn College Academy’s high school grades.

At this time, there are no plans to co-locate any other organizations in K917 or K555. Because enrollment is expected to remain steady throughout the course of the truncation, the DOE does not expect there to be significant excess space as a result of the truncation. Any future proposals for significant changes in building utilization would follow the process outlined in Chancellor’s regulation A-190.

Background on the DOE’s Decision-Making Process

The principal of Brooklyn College Academy initiated this proposal to truncate in February 2012 through the submission of a Letter of Intent (“LOI”) to the Division of Portfolio Planning (“Planning”). Truncating Brooklyn College Academy’s middle school grades will allow for the school to more fully focus on serving its ninth through twelfth grade students.

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 Brooklyn College Academy’s main offices at K917 and K555.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D22Proposals@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.

The joint public hearing for this proposal was already held, but additional comments and questions about this proposal can continue to be directed to D22Proposals@schools.nyc.gov or 212-374-0208.

VI. 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
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