Department of Education

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Chancellor

Amended Notice
December 29, 2010

The Proposed Phase-out of P.S. 102 Joseph O. Loretan (12X102)

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

P.S. 102 Joseph O. Loretan (12X102, "P.S. 102") is an existing zoned elementary school located at 1827 Archer Street, Bronx, NY 10460, in Community School District 12. P.S. 102 is located in School Building X102 ("X102"). P.S. 102 currently serves students in Kindergarten through fifth grade and offers a Pre-Kindergarten program. P.S. 102 is co-located with one other school: Bronx Little School (12X691, "Bronx Little"), an unzoned district "choice" elementary school, which serves students in Kindergarten through fifth grade and also offers a Pre-Kindergarten program. On December 17, 2010, the New York City Department of Education ("DOE") published an Educational Impact Statement ("EIS") describing a proposal to phase out and eventually close P.S. 102 based on its poor performance and the DOE's assessment that the school lacks capacity to turn around quickly to better support student needs. This EIS has been amended to correct formatting, typographical errors and information about extracurricular offerings at the school, but does not modify or revise the proposal itself.

If the phase-out is approved, P.S. 102 would no longer admit students in Kindergarten, first grade, or second grade, and the school would no longer offer a Pre-Kindergarten program after the conclusion of the 2010-2011 school year. Current students in grades three, four, and five would continue to be served by P.S. 102 and supported as they progress toward completion of elementary school at P.S. 102. The school would serve one grade less each subsequent year until it completes its phase-out in June 2014.

Students in grades K-2 would be served in one of two new elementary schools to be opened in the P.S. 102 building. Both new schools will be proposed in a forthcoming Educational Impact Statement. One of these schools—12X531—would be a zoned school and will offer a pre-Kindergarten program. The admissions policy of the other school has not yet been determined. However, the DOE anticipates that both new schools will serve students in grades K-5 residing in the X102 zone. Students in grades K-2 would also have access to Bronx Little, which is currently a district choice elementary school for District 12, but which will begin offering priority to students zoned to P.S. 102 in its admissions process.

After completing a comprehensive review of P.S. 102, the DOE believes that only the most serious intervention—the gradual phase-out and eventual closure of P.S. 102—will address the school's longstanding struggles and allow for new school options to develop in School Building

X102 that will better serve future students and the broader community.

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

The amended EIS can be found on the Department of Education's Web site:
http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2010-2011/Feb32011Proposals

Copies of the amended EIS are also available in the main offices of P.S. 102 Joseph O. Loretan and Bronx Little School.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D12Proposals@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: Gentian Falstrom
Office: Division of Portfolio Planning
Address: 52 Chambers Street, New York, NY 10007
Email: D12Proposals@schools.nyc.gov
Phone: 212-374-5159

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

January 25, 2011 at 6:00 p.m
P.S. 102 Joseph O. Loretan / Bronx Little School
1827 Archer Street,
Bronx, NY 10460

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. Interpretation services will be provided in Spanish. To request interpretation services in another language, please contact Ms. Falstrom at the e-mail address or telephone number above.

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

February 3, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.
Brooklyn Technical High School
29 Fort Greene Place
Brooklyn, NY 11217