



Amended Notice
October 5, 2012

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Chancellor

The Proposed Temporary Siting and Co-location of New School 24Q110 with Existing School P.S. 199 Maurice A. Fitzgerald (24Q199) in Building Q841 Beginning in the 2012-2013 School Year and Continuing No Later Than the 2014-2015 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 site and co-locate New School 24Q110 (“24Q110”) with P.S. 199 Maurice A. Fitzgerald (24Q199, “P.S. 199”), an existing K-4 school, in the newly leased portion of the St. Raphael’s Building Q841 (“Q841”), located at 48-25 37th Street, Long Island City, NY 11101, in Community School District 24 (“District 24”), beginning in 2012-2013. 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.

On August 27, 2012, the DOE issued an Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) describing a proposal to site and co-locate 24Q110 with P.S. 199 in the newly leased portion of Q841. On October 5, 2012, the DOE published an amended EIS that corrects the address of Q841.

24Q110 is a new unzoned elementary school that will open in September 2012 in Q841, where it will be co-located with an annex of P.S. 199 in District 24. 24Q110 will serve kindergarten students who are overflowed from their zoned schools in the Corona/Elmhurst neighborhoods in 2012-2013. The Q841 building will be used to incubate 24Q110 until the school can be re-sited to a long term location where it will grow to scale as a K-5.

P.S. 199 is a zoned district elementary school that will use four full-size rooms and one administrative space in building Q841 in 2012-2013 as an annex to serve four sections of first grade. P.S. 199 serves most of its students in building Q199, located at 39-20 48th Ave, but utilizes some space in building Q841, which is located nearby, to accommodate students who cannot be served in building Q199. P.S. 199 is currently unable to accommodate all of its zoned students in main building Q199, and the DOE anticipates that P.S. 199 will continue to serve approximately four class sections in building Q841 in the coming years to accommodate its zoned students.

Due to overcrowding in District 24, many zoned schools have found it necessary to divert incoming kindergarten students and offer them an alternative placement at other schools within

the district. As a result of this overcrowding, in June 2012 there were 383 waitlisted kindergarten students in District 24. When it became evident that it would not be possible to identify enough seats to accommodate all of the 383 waitlisted children in existing district schools and public school buildings, the DOE determined that it was necessary to find a suitable school-ready private space to lease in order to open a new school to alleviate overcrowding in District 24 and serve as an overflow site for the district for the upcoming 2012-2013 academic year. The School Construction Authority (“SCA”) was able to locate newly available school-ready private space in District 24 in the Q841 building to site a new school to accommodate a large number of waitlisted students. The Q841 building was most recently occupied by the St. Raphael School, which shared the Q841 building with the annex of P.S. 199 during the 2011-2012 school year. The St. Raphael School ceased operations at the end of the 2011-2012 school year.

To immediately site a new school in the Q841 building for the start of the 2012-2013 school year, the Chancellor issued an Emergency Declaration on June 15, 2012 that provides for the siting and co-location of 24Q110 with P.S. 199 in Q841 to be in effect for a six-month period and to continue thereafter if approved by the PEP. 24Q110 will enroll general education and special education kindergarten students who are overflowed from their zoned schools due to severe overcrowding for the 2012-2013 school year.

If this proposal to site and co-locate 24Q110 with P.S. 199 is approved, 24Q110 will expand to include first grade during the 2013-2014 school year in building Q841, and second grade during the 2014-2015 school year in building Q841. The DOE intends to re-site 24Q110 to a long term location within District 24 when new construction becomes available after the 2014-2015 school year. If re-siting 24Q110 to new construction is not feasible at that time for any reason, the DOE will re-assess the space at the Q841 building and if appropriate may extend the co-location, or propose an alternative siting plan. The DOE would issue a separate Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) describing any alternate plan for 24Q110.

Q841 has the capacity to serve 355 students. In 2012-2013, the building will serve 270 students in kindergarten through first grade, yielding an estimated utilization rate of 76%. If this proposal is approved, there will be sufficient space to accommodate 24Q110 and four sections of P.S. 199 first grade students. In the 2014-2015 school year, when 24Q110 is in its third year of incubation, the Q841 building will serve approximately 360-400 students, yielding an estimated utilization rate of 101%-113%.

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/2012-2013/Oct2012Proposals.htm>

Copies of the amended EIS are also available in P.S. 199’s and 24Q110’s main office.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D24Proposals@schools.nyc.gov

Oral comments can be left at 212-374-7621.

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 occurred on:

October 2, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.
St. Raphael's Building Q841
48-25 37th Street
Long Island City, NY 11101

Questions about the proposal should be directed as indicated in section IV above.

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

October 11, 2012 at 6:00 PM
Taft Educational Campus
240 East 172 St
Bronx, NY 10457