



Notice  
October 3, 2011

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Chancellor

## **The Proposed Re-siting of P.S. 51 Bronx New School (10X051) in Building X781**

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

P.S. 51 Bronx New School (10X051, “P.S. 51”) is a choice elementary school, which was located in Building X825 (“X825”) at 3200 Jerome Avenue, Bronx, NY 10468, through the 2010-2011 school year. The New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) is proposing to permanently re-site P.S. 51 to Building X781 (“X781”), located at 695 East 182<sup>nd</sup> Street, with gymnasium space located nearby at 2239 Crotona Avenue, Bronx, NY 10457. P.S. 51 has been housed in Building X781 since the start of the 2011-2012 school year, pursuant to an emergency declaration signed by the Chancellor on August 31, 2011. Both X825 and X781 are located in Community School District 10 (“District 10”).

Last summer, the DOE discovered that Building X825 contained levels of trichloroethylene (“TCE”), a chemical compound regulated by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, that exceeded State guidelines. Because these levels could not be effectively remediated prior to the opening of school in September 2011, the DOE determined it necessary to find a new location for P.S. 51, the only school located in Building X825, for the start of the 2011-2012 academic year. In September 2011, the entire student population of P.S. 51 moved from X825 to X781, and if this proposal is approved, the school will remain there permanently—beyond the six month period for which the emergency declaration provides.

### **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 website: <http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2011-2012/Nov2011PEP.htm>

Copies of the EIS are also available in P.S. 51’s main office.

### **III. Submission of public comment.**

Written comments can be sent to [D10Proposals@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:D10Proposals@schools.nyc.gov).

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

**IV. The name, office, address, e-mail, and telephone number of the city district representative, knowledgeable on the item under consideration, from whom information may be obtained concerning the item.**

Name: Juan Rosales  
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**V. Date, time and place of Joint Public Hearings for this proposal.**

November 3, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.  
P.S. 51 Bronx New School  
695 E 182<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Bronx, NY 10457

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

Speaker sign-up will begin at 5:30 p.m. and will close 15 minutes after the hearing starts.

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

November 17, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.  
Frank Sinatra School of the Arts  
35-12 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Queens, NY 11106