



Notice
October 3, 2011

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Chancellor

The Proposed Co-location of a New District 75 School Site (75X017) with Existing Schools P.S. 179 (07X179) and Young Leaders Elementary School (07X369) in Building X040

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

The New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) is proposing to permanently co-locate a new site of a District 75 school (75X017, “P017X”), in building X040 (“X040”), located at 468 East 140th Street, Bronx, New York 10454, in Community School District 7 (“District 7”). A “co-location” means that two or more school organizations are located in the same building and may share common spaces such as auditoriums, gymnasiums, libraries, and cafeterias.

The new P017X site would be co-located in X040 with P.S. 179 (07X179, “P.S. 179”), an existing zoned elementary school serving grades kindergarten through five and offering a pre-kindergarten program, and Young Leaders Elementary School (07X369, “Young Leaders”), an existing zoned elementary school serving grades kindergarten through five and offering a pre-kindergarten program.

P017X is an existing District 75 school that served a combined total of 350 students in kindergarten through eighth grade during the 2010-2011 school year. P017X currently has four sites in the Bronx, other than the newly co-located site in X040. Students are placed in District 75 programs based on their individual needs and recommended special education services, and are referred to District 75 during a period that extends into the summer.

In Summer 2011, there was a significant, unanticipated increase in need for District 75 seats in the Bronx for the 2011-2012 school year. It was necessary to create a new P017X site to serve two additional class sections of incoming District 75 kindergarten students who could not be accommodated at the existing P017X sites or in other existing District 75 programs serving students with similar needs in the Bronx.

To immediately co-locate the new District 75 P017X site with P.S. 179 and Young Leaders in X040 for the start of the 2011-2012 school year, the Chancellor issued an Emergency Declaration on September 8, 2011, which provides for the co-location to be in effect for a six-month period, and to continue thereafter if approved by the Panel for Educational Policy (“PEP”).

Building X040 was the most sensible location for the new P017X site because space in the

building had become available at the end of the 2010-2011 school year, when a P017X program was re-sited out of the building, in accordance with an amended Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) published on March 22, 2011 and approved by the PEP on April 28, 2011.

If this proposal is approved, the new District 75 P017X site in X040 would continue to serve a total of twelve kindergarten students in two Self-Contained sections in a 6:1:1 classroom setting (ratio of students: teacher: paraprofessional). These twelve District 75 kindergartners would progress each year in X040 until they complete the fifth grade.

This proposal is not anticipated to impact current or future student enrollment or instructional programming at P.S. 179 or Young Leaders. All students zoned to P.S. 179 and Young Leaders will continue to have the opportunity to attend these schools. P.S. 179 and Young Leaders would continue to serve students in kindergarten through fifth grade, with each offering two full-day sections of pre-kindergarten, based on continued available funding. Additionally, students with disabilities and English Language Learners (“ELLs”) will continue to receive mandated services and should not be adversely affected by this proposal.

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

The EIS can be found on the DOE website at <http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2011-2012/Nov2011PEP.htm>.

Copies of the EIS are also available in the main offices of P.S. 179, Young Leaders, and the District 75 P017X site in X040.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D07Proposals@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.

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V. Date, time, and place of Joint Public Hearing for this proposal.

November 14, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.
Building X040
468 East 140th Street
Bronx, New York 10454

Questions about the proposal should be directed as indicated above in section IV. Speaker sign-up will begin 30 minutes before the hearing and will close 15 minutes after the start.

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 35th Avenue
Queens, NY 11106