



Notice
October 3, 2011

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Chancellor

The Proposed Opening of a New Zoned District Elementary School (02MTBD) and Temporary Co-location with Existing School P.S. 51 (02M051) in Building M816

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

The New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) is proposing to open a new District 2 zoned district elementary school (02MTBD, “New School”) in September 2012. If this proposal is approved, New School would serve kindergarten students during the 2012-2013 school year, and would eventually serve kindergarten through fifth grade in leased space at 323 East 91st Street in Manhattan’s District 2, also known as “Our Lady of Good Counsel,” or building M816. For the 2012-2013 school year, New School would be co-located in M816 with P.S. 51 Elias Howe (02M051, “P.S. 51”), an existing DOE zoned elementary school serving grades kindergarten through five. 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. The opening of a new district elementary school in building M816 would address kindergarten waitlists at the adjacent zoned school P.S. 290 Manhattan New School (02M290, “P.S. 290”), and the growth of elementary demand in the Upper East Side neighborhood.

New School would be co-located with P.S. 51 for one year until P.S. 51 moves into its own facility in September 2013. M816 is a leased facility with one year remaining on the lease. The lease on this facility expires August 31, 2012. The DOE is in active discussions with the Archdiocese of New York to obtain a long-term lease on this facility. If the DOE is not successful at obtaining a long-term lease on M816, future plans for New School would be proposed in a separate Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”).

P.S. 51 is a zoned district elementary school that serves 334 students in kindergarten through fifth grade. P.S. 51 is being temporarily housed in M816 during construction of its new facility.

If this proposal is approved, New School will open in M816, serving approximately 60-75 kindergarten students in the 2012-2013 school year. In subsequent years, New School will add one grade per year until it serves kindergarten through fifth grade. New School will offer up to three General Education or Integrated Co-Teaching (“ICT”) sections per grade. Total projected enrollment at New School will be approximately 390-480 students at full scale. New School will be the only school housed in M816 after the 2012-2013 school year.

The DOE has proposed to rezone the Upper East Side neighborhood to create a zone for New School. The DOE is working with the Community Education Council (“CEC”) for District 2 to rezone the Upper East Side schools to create a new zone for New School in order to effectively

utilize the capacity of building M816. That proposal must be approved by the CEC before it would take effect. As a zoned school, New School would give priority to students living in its zone.

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/2011-2012/Nov2011PEP.htm>.

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

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D02Proposals@schools.nyc.gov.

Oral comments can be left at (212) 374-3466.

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.

Wednesday, November 2, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.
P.S. 51 / Building M816
323 East 91st Street
New York, NY 10128

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.

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 High School
35-12 35th Avenue
Queens, NY 11106