



**Notice**  
October 3, 2011

**Dennis M. Walcott**  
*Chancellor*

## **The Proposed Two-Year Co-location of a New District Elementary School, Castle Bridge School (06M513), with Existing School P.S. 128 Audubon (06M128) in Building M128**

### **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 and temporarily site the Castle Bridge School (06M513, “Castle Bridge”), a new DOE choice admissions elementary school that would serve students in kindergarten through fifth grade, in Building M128 (“M128”), located at 560 West 169<sup>th</sup> Street in Manhattan, in Community School District 6. Castle Bridge would be co-located in M128 with an existing DOE zoned elementary school serving grades kindergarten through five and also offering a pre-kindergarten program, P.S. 128 Audubon (06M128, “P.S. 128”). 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.

This proposal is for a two-year temporary co-location beginning in school year 2012-2013. At the end of this period, the DOE would evaluate the space available at M128 and other buildings in District 6 to identify a permanent location for Castle Bridge. At that time, the DOE would issue a new EIS to propose the permanent location for Castle Bridge.

Castle Bridge is a new choice elementary school that would admit students through a school-based application process, with preference to District 6 residents and following Chancellor’s Regulation A-101 for admissions. Castle Bridge will be modeled after Central Park East I (04M497), and the proposed school leader is the current principal of Central Park East I. Central Park East I was a pioneer in making the progressive education models found in many private schools available to public school families in low-income neighborhoods.

The mission of Castle Bridge will be to provide each student with a high quality, arts-infused, project-based elementary school experience that will develop the skills and passions for inquiry and engagement in support of the students’ growth as scholars, workers and citizens. All of the classes will be mixed-grade, and students will stay with their teacher for two years. Castle Bridge will open with kindergarten and first-grade classes in 2012-2013, and add one grade each year until it serves approximately 180-210 students in kindergarten through fifth grade at full scale. Castle Bridge would also like to offer a pre-kindergarten program, if funding is available. The DOE’s pre-kindergarten programs are maintained based on available funding and student enrollment. If this proposal were approved, Castle Bridge would be co-located with P.S. 128 in building M128 during the first two years of its ramp-up to full scale.

P.S. 128 is a zoned district elementary school. In the 2010-11 school year, P.S. 128 served 687 students in kindergarten through fifth grade and also served 34 students in two sections of full-day pre-kindergarten.<sup>1</sup> Projected enrollment for 2011-2012 is 656 students in kindergarten through fifth grade, and 36 students in two sections of full-day pre-kindergarten.<sup>2</sup>

M128 has the capacity to serve 920 students. If this proposal to temporarily site Castle Bridge in M128 were approved, Castle Bridge would be co-located with P.S. 128 for two years. In the first year, 2012-2013, Castle Bridge would enroll approximately 60-70 students (30-35 students in kindergarten and 30-35 students in first grade). P.S. 128 would enroll 636-726 students, yielding a total building enrollment of 696-796 students. In 2013-2014, Castle Bridge would serve approximately 90-105 students in Kindergarten through second grade. During that year, M128 would serve approximately 631-721<sup>3</sup> students, yielding a total building enrollment of 715-825. Thus, there is room in the building to accommodate the proposed temporary co-location.

## **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 the P.S. 128 main office.

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

Written comments can be sent to [D06proposals@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:D06proposals@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.**

November 7, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.  
P.S. 128

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<sup>1</sup> Based on the 2010-2011 Audited Register

<sup>2</sup> Based on the 2011-2012 Budget Register Projections

<sup>3</sup> Estimate based on projected enrollment at Castle Bridge and projected enrollment at P.S. 128 with the current kindergarten class size (2010-2011 audited register) used to project the size of future incoming kindergarten classes.

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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  
35-12 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Queens, NY 11106