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**NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION - DIVISION OF
PORTFOLIO PLANNING
East Brooklyn Community High School
Re-Siting, 1/4/2012**

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2 MS. BEVERLY WILKINS: Good evening. This is
3 a joint public hearing of the Department of
4 Education, Community Education Council, and
5 school leadership teams for the proposed re-
6 siting of East Brooklyn Community High School,
7 18K 673 to Building K, 860, beginning in the
8 2012-2013 school year.

9 I am Beverly Wilkins, District 18 community
10 superintendent. We have asked the District 18
11 Community Education Council and the school
12 leadership teams in the building to participate
13 in this joint public hearing. I am joined
14 tonight by Principal McGillicuddy from the East
15 Brooklyn Community High School SLT, Principal
16 Thomas-Clark from the Science and Medicine
17 Middle School SLT, James Dandridge from the
18 District 18 CEC, and as well as Lucy Antoine
19 [phonetic] of the CCSE, who has not yet joined
20 us. I'm also joined by Carlton Richardson from
21 the CEC District 18. This hearing...school
22 leadership team of K 366, former member.

23 This hearing is being recorded. The purpose
24 of this hearing is for you to provide comments
25 about the proposal. Before I describe the

1 proposal, I want to make sure you are all aware
2 of the opportunity to provide your input. All
3 those who wish to speak must sign up in the
4 speaker signup area located just outside the
5 auditorium. The signup list will be closed in
6 15 minutes. Speakers will be given the floor in
7 the order that they signed up. All comments are
8 limited to two minutes.

9 There may be elected officials who show up
10 at different times throughout the evening. If
11 they wish to speak, we will do our best to
12 accommodate them at the first opportune moment.
13 Those who are here at the start of the public
14 comment segment will be asked to speak first.
15 All comments will be mentioned in the analysis
16 of public comment to be published and provided
17 to the Panel for Educational Policy the evening
18 before the panel votes. This vote is scheduled
19 for January 18, 2012.

20 In addition, we welcome any comments and
21 feedback you may have at any time before the
22 panel votes on both proposals. The email
23 address and phone number where comments may be
24 made are D18Proposals@Schools.NYC.gov and (212)
25 374-0208.

1 Proposal summary. The New York City
2 Department of Education, DOE, is proposing to
3 re-site East Brooklyn Community High School, 18K
4 673 East Brooklyn Community, an existing
5 transfer high school which serves students
6 between the ages of 16 and 21 who have fallen
7 behind academically and who are more than two
8 years away from graduation.

9 East Brooklyn Community currently serves
10 students in ninth through twelfth grades in
11 Building K 366 located at 965 East 107th Street,
12 Brooklyn, New York, 11236 and Community School
13 District 18, where it is currently collocated
14 with the Science and Medicine Middle School 18K
15 366 Science and Medicine, an existing middle
16 school that serves students in sixth through
17 eighth grade. If this proposal is approved,
18 East Brooklyn Community will be re-sited to
19 Building K 860 located at 9517 Kings Highway,
20 Brooklyn, New York, 11212, in Community School
21 District 18, before the start of the 2012-2013
22 school year.

23 A re-siting means a school will be located
24 in a different building than the building in
25 which it is currently located. K 860 is an

1 annex building that currently houses a portion
2 of the students enrolled in P.S. 219, Kennedy
3 King, 18 K 219, P.S. 219, specifically, P.S.
4 219's pre kindergarten and kindergarten
5 students. P.S. 219 is an existing zoned
6 elementary school that serves students in
7 kindergarten through fifth grade and offers a
8 half day pre-K program.

9 P.S. 219's first through fifth grade
10 students are currently served in Building K 219,
11 located at 1060 Clarkson Avenue, Brooklyn, New
12 York, 11212. Beginning in 2012-2013, the
13 principal of P.S. 219 has decided that all of
14 the P.S. 219 students will be served in K 219,
15 and therefore P.S. 219 no longer occupy any
16 space in K 860. If this proposal is approved,
17 East Brooklyn Community will be re-sited to K
18 860 and will be the only school in K 860
19 beginning in September, 2012.

20 In the 2010-2012 school year, K 860 had a
21 target capacity to serve 262 students based on
22 its current usage as an elementary school. But
23 the building only served 120 of P.S. 219's
24 students, yielding a building utilization rate
25 of 46 percent. In 2012-2013, East Brooklyn

1 Community is projected to serve 190 to one
2 hundred--excuse me--190 to 225 students, and the
3 estimated building utilization rate would be 73
4 to 85 percent.

5 The proposed re-siting of East Brooklyn
6 Community is intended to facilitate East
7 Brooklyn Community's growth in the building,
8 where it would be the sole organization. The
9 proposed re-siting to K 860 will allow East
10 Brooklyn Community to remain in District 18, and
11 will not pose a travel hardship to current East
12 Brooklyn Community students, as the new location
13 is only three miles away from its current
14 location.

15 This proposal will not reduce the number of
16 seats offered at East Brooklyn Community. The
17 DOE does not currently have any plans for the
18 space in K 366 that will be made available by
19 East Brooklyn Community's re-siting.

20 At this time, we will hear presentations
21 from our participants. The next presenter will
22 be James Dandridge of the CEC. President
23 Dandridge.

24 MR. JAMES DANDRIDGE: Good evening, parents
25 and educators. On behalf of the Education

1 Council, we'd just like to welcome everybody
2 tonight and to go on the record as stating that
3 the Education Council will continue to support
4 whatever is in the best interest of the students
5 in District 18. Both entities, East Brooklyn
6 Community High School and M.S. 366, have the
7 full support of the Education Council from
8 District 18 and we'll do whatever is in our
9 capacity to assist them in whatever needs that
10 each entity has. Thank you.

11 MS. WILKINS: Thank you. The next presenter
12 will be Principal McGillicuddy of the East
13 Brooklyn Community High School Leadership Team.

14 MR. PATRICK MCGILLICUDDY: So I'll keep my
15 comments brief. We see this as an opportunity
16 for us, the re-siting, to be in our own building
17 and to define our school culture in a very
18 unique way where you're alone in a school.

19 MS. WILKINS: The next presenter will be
20 Principal Thomas-Clark of the Science and
21 Medicine Middle School Leadership Team.

22 MS. INGRID THOMAS-CLARK: Good evening.
23 Just like Principal McGillicuddy said, it will
24 give us an opportunity for us to continue to
25 build the culture that we've begun in our

1 school. Thank you.

2 MS. WILKINS: Thank you. The next presenter
3 will be Carlton Richardson, K 366 School
4 Leadership Team.

5 MR. CARLTON RICHARDSON: Good evening.
6 Excuse me. I basically concur with all the
7 speakers here tonight. It is a great thing that
8 this school finally will get its own space, and
9 both schools could properly grow the way it
10 should grow. Thank you very much. Have a good
11 evening.

12 MS. WILKINS: Thank you. We have now
13 concluded the formal presentations. We will now
14 open the floor for public comments. Speakers
15 will be given the floor in the order that they
16 signed up. All comments are limited to two
17 minutes. Our first speaker is Shirley Olefern
18 [phonetic]. Thank you, Ms. Olefern. Our next
19 speaker is Muba Yolafulani [phonetic].

20 MS. MUBA YANTALAMI: Thank you very much.
21 Thank you for this opportunity to address the
22 staff of the high school, the staff of Science
23 and Medicine Middle School, the parents and
24 other community members. One of the things I've
25 always felt that our high school students, and I

1 take my hats off to them, and I wish they were
2 here to know that I appreciate the fact that
3 they continue to move forward without giving up.
4 It is a plus for us.

5 As parents of Science and Medicine Middle
6 School, our belief is that they deserve to be in
7 an environment that is more conducive for them,
8 and what we have done is to make sure that they
9 are given an opportunity to be in an environment
10 that they will excel and feel more confident
11 that things is going to be in their path. So I
12 thank, of course, our council member, Mr.
13 Charles, Council Member Charles Barron
14 [phonetic] and all the parents and other members
15 who assisted us in making this happen for our
16 high school to have its own building and that
17 Science and Medicine also will be in a position
18 to move forward on their own. Thank you very
19 much.

20 MS. WILKINS: Thank you. Our next speaker
21 is Mr. Pierre...forgive me, I'm not able to read
22 the last name, sir. Okay, thank you, Mr.
23 Pierre. Our next speaker is Mr. Sidney Joseph.
24 Okay. Our next speaker is Mrs. Cindy Dingle-
25 Joseph.

1 MS. CINDY DINGLE-JOSEPH: Good evening and
2 thank you all for coming out tonight to support
3 this proposal. And I just wanted to add, in
4 addition to what Muba said, it just makes sense.
5 It makes sense to have the school move, and
6 percentage-wise you'll see, as has been stated
7 in the proposal, a building that has no students
8 to learn in would just, you know, be useless,
9 but to move the students to a building, it would
10 be useful. So I just wanted to let everyone
11 know it just makes sense to have, you know,
12 each, all the students have their own building.
13 Thank you.

14 MS. WILKINS: Thank you. Our next speaker,
15 Malynda Jordan. Want to come this way? No,
16 come around the back.

17 MS. MALYNDA JORDAN: Good evening, everyone.
18 I'm glad I made it on time, a little bit late.
19 But I just wanted to say that, you know, I came
20 out, left work early because it needed to be
21 said that yes, the school alternative program is
22 definitely a needed school in this community
23 because of the fact it's giving people a second
24 chance.

25 And I know about second changes because as a

1 professional, I run a substance abuse and
2 mental health clinic, and everybody deserves a
3 second chance. But it's long overdue. It's
4 just not enough space to try to foster two
5 educational programs in this environment.

6 And it is hoped that that school, wherever
7 they get relocated to, continue their quest to
8 help those in need, and it's hoped that the DOE
9 stands behind 366 in ensuring that the school
10 program that was set up from the get-go, from
11 either K to 12 or six to eight, get on the ball,
12 because there is a lot of demand for middle
13 schools out here in this community. Being in
14 Canarsie for the past 16 years, I have done my
15 research as a parent and as a professional, and
16 definitely there's a need for this environment
17 in this community. Thank you.

18 MS. WILKINS: Thank you. The speaker list
19 is now exhausted. Again, we welcome any
20 comments and feedback you may have at any time
21 before the Panel of Educational Policy votes on
22 this proposal at its January 18, 2012 meeting.
23 The email address and phone number where
24 comments may be made are:
25 D18Proposals@Schools.NYC.gov and (212) 374-0208.

1 Thank you for your participation. This joint
2 public hearing is now closed.

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