



**Notice**  
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**Dennis M. Walcott**  
*Chancellor*

## **The Proposed Co-location of Leadership Preparatory Brownsville Charter School's (84K711) 5-8 Grades with Existing School P.S. 284 Lew Wallace (23K284) Beginning in 2013-2014**

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

The New York City Department of Education ("DOE") is proposing to co-locate Leadership Preparatory Brownsville Charter School's (84K711, "LPBV") fifth through eighth grade ("5-8") students in building K284 ("K284"), located at 213 Osborn Street, Brooklyn, NY 11212, with P.S. 284 Lew Wallace (23K284, "P.S. 284"), an existing zoned school serving students in kindergarten through eighth grade ("K-8") and offering a full-day pre-kindergarten program. LPBV is an existing public charter school that currently serves 245 kindergarten through third grade ("K-3") students. LPBV is in the process of phasing in and is expanding by one grade each year until it reaches full scale and serves 595-760 K-8 students in 2016-2017. LPBV's K-3 students are currently co-located with P.S. 284 in K284. However, the DOE recognizes that K284 does not have sufficient space to serve all of LPBV's K-8 students. Thus, in a separate Educational Impact Statements ("EIS") published in January 2012, the DOE has proposed to re-site LPBV's K-3 students to building K275 ("K275"), located 985 Rockaway Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11212, and to co-locate its kindergarten through fourth grade ("K-4") students in K275 with an existing middle school, Knowledge and Power Preparatory Academy V (23K518, "KAPPA V"), and two existing transfer high schools: Metropolitan Diploma Plus High School (23K647, "Metropolitan Diploma Plus") and Brooklyn Democracy Academy (23K643, "Brooklyn Democracy") beginning in the 2012-2013 school year. If both this proposal and that proposal are approved, LPBV's K-4 students will be served in K275, and its 5-8 students will be served in K284.

LPBV will continue to enroll students through the charter lottery process. Additional information about LPBV's charter lottery process can be found in Section III.A.

According to the 2010-2011 Enrollment, Capacity, Utilization Report ("the Blue Book"), K284 has a target capacity to serve 707 students. Currently, it serves 782 students, which yields a utilization rate of 111%. If the proposal to re-site and co-locate LPBV's K-4 students is approved, in the 2012-2013 school year, P.S. 284 would be the sole school organization housed in K284. However, if this proposal is approved, in the 2013-2014 school year, LPBV will serve 45-58 fifth grade students in K284 and will expand to serve 215-274 5-8 students at full scale in K284 in the 2016-2017 school year. There would thus be approximately 673-822 total students served in K284 in 2016-2017, which yields

a projected utilization rate of approximately 95%-116%, which is approximately equal to or lower than the building's current utilization rate.

Although a utilization rate in excess of 100% may suggest that a building will be over-utilized or over-crowded in a given year, this rate does not account for the fact that rooms may be programmed for more efficient or different uses than the standard assumptions in the utilization calculation.

### *Background on the DOE's Decision-Making Process*

The DOE strives to ensure that all students in New York City have access to a diverse range of high-quality schools at every stage of their education. In determining the optimal way to distribute space to schools, the DOE is proposing to co-locate LPBV's 5-8 grade students in K284.

LPBV's charter was authorized by State University of New York ("SUNY") Charter School Institute. It opened in 2009 and currently serves 245 K-3 students. Because LPBV is serving third grade students for the first time in 2011-2012, no performance data is available. However, LPBV is managed by Uncommon Schools, ("Uncommon"), a Charter Management Organization ("CMO"). Uncommon currently manages a total of 11 charter schools, all located in Brooklyn. The available school performance data of Uncommon's other schools is as follows:

- Bedford Stuyvesant Collegiate Charter School (84K648), located in District 16, received an overall A grade on both the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 Progress Reports;
- Brownsville Collegiate Charter School (84K710), located in District 23, received an overall A grade on its 2010-2011 Progress Report;
- Ocean Hill Collegiate Charter School (84K777), located in District 23, and Brooklyn East Collegiate Charter School (84K780), located in District 13, have not received Progress Reports yet;
- Williamsburg Collegiate Charter School (84K355), located in District 14, has earned 4 consecutive overall A grades on its Progress Reports since 2007-2008, with A grades across all sub-categories;
- Kings Collegiate Charter School (84K608), located in District 18, received a B on its most recent Progress Report, preceded by two consecutive A grades in 2008-2009 and 2009-2010; and
- Leadership Preparatory Bedford Stuyvesant (84K517), located in District 13, received a B on both the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 Progress Reports.

The DOE believes in Uncommon's record of success and supports LPBV's expansion and continued placement in District 23 in order to continue providing excellent educational opportunities for students and families.

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

The EIS and Building Utilization Plan (“BUP”) can be found on the DOE’s Web site:  
<http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2011-2012/Mar212012Proposals.htm>.

Copies of the EIS and BUP are also available in the main offices of Leadership Preparatory  
Brownsville Charter School and P.S. 284.

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

Written comments can be sent to [D23Proposals@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:D23Proposals@schools.nyc.gov)  
Oral comments can be left at 212-374-0208.

## **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.**

February 29, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.  
Building K284  
213 Osborn Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11216

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.**

March 21, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.  
The High School of Fashion Industries  
225 West 24 Street  
New York, NY 10011