



Notice
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Chancellor

The Proposed Re-siting of Leadership Preparatory Brownsville Charter School's (84K711) K-3 Grades and Co-location of Leadership Preparatory Brownsville Charter School's K-4 grades with Existing Schools Knowledge and Power Preparatory Academy V (23K518), Metropolitan Diploma Plus High School (23K647), and Brooklyn Democracy Academy (23K643) in Building K275 Beginning in 2012-2013

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

The New York City Department of Education ("DOE") is proposing to re-site Leadership Preparatory Brownsville Charter School's (84K711, "LPBV") kindergarten through third grade ("K-3") from building K284 ("K284"), located at 213 Osborn Street, Brooklyn, NY 11212 in Community School District 23, to building K275 ("K275"), located 985 Rockaway Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11212 in Community School District 23. LPBV is an existing public charter school that currently serves 245 K-3 students and is phasing in to serve students in kindergarten through eighth grade. In 2012-2013, LPBV will expand to serve students in kindergarten through fourth grade ("K-4"). If this proposal is approved, its students in K-4 will be served in K275. In a separate Educational Impact Statement ("EIS"), the DOE has proposed to split-site and co-locate LPBV's future fifth through eighth grades in K284.

LPBV is currently co-located in K284 with P.S. 284 Lew Wallace (23K284, "P.S. 284"), an existing zoned elementary school serving students in kindergarten through fifth grade and offering a full-day pre-kindergarten program. If this proposal is approved, in K275, LPBV will be co-located 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. Metropolitan Diploma Plus and Brooklyn Democracy serve students between the ages of 16 and 21 who have fallen behind academically and are more than two years away from graduation.

K275 also currently houses a District 75 program (75K140, "P140K@KAPPA V") that serves kindergarten through eighth grade students who have an Individualized Education Program ("IEP") classification of emotionally disturbed. In a separate EIS posted in January 2012, the DOE proposed re-siting 75K140@Kappa V from K275 to building K258 ("K258"), which is located 141 Macon Street, Brooklyn, NY 11216. If the proposal to re-site P140K@KAPPA V is approved, it will be re-sited to K258 before the start of the 2012-2013 school year and, therefore, will not be impacted by this proposal. If the proposal to re-site P140K@KAPPA V is not approved, the DOE will re-evaluate space availability at K275 and issue a revised EIS regarding LPBV's proposed re-siting, if necessary.

K275 also provides space to three Community Based Organizations ("CBOs"), specifically Beacon, CAMBA, and the Jewish Child Care Association.

In 2012-2013, LPBV will expand to serve students in K-4 as outlined in its charter, which was authorized by the State University of New York ("SUNY") Charter School Institute. Thus, if this proposal is approved, LPBV will serve approximately 331-423 K-4 students in K275 starting in the 2012-2013 school year.

In the following years, LPBV would expand by one grade each year until it reaches full scale and serves approximately 595-760 kindergarten through eighth grade students. The DOE recognizes that K275 does not have sufficient space for LPBV to serve its kindergarten through eighth grade students. Thus, in a separate EIS, the DOE is also proposing to split-

site and co-locate LPBV's fifth through eighth grade students with P.S. 284 in K284. If that proposal is approved, beginning in 2013-2014, LPBV would serve approximately 45-58 fifth grade students in K284. In the following years, LPBV would expand by one grade each year until it reaches full scale in K284 and serves approximately 215-274 fifth through eighth grade students in K284 in 2016-2017.

According to the 2010-2011 Enrollment, Capacity, Utilization Report (the "Blue Book"), K275 had a target capacity to serve 1,209 students. However, in 2011-2012 it serves only 763 students, which yields a target utilization rate of 63%. This means that the building is "underutilized" and has space to accommodate additional students. If this proposal and the proposal to re-site P140K@KAPPA V are approved, there will be approximately 871-1,073 students served in K275 in 2012-2013, which yields a projected utilization rate of 72%-89%. Thus, K275 has adequate capacity to accommodate the co-location of LPBV's K-4 students, KAPPA V, Metropolitan Diploma Plus, and Brooklyn Democracy.

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 setting forth this proposal.

LPBV 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 LPBV, KAPPA V, Metropolitan Diploma Plus, and Brooklyn Democracy.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to 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 these proposals.

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

March 1, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.
Building K275
985 Rockaway Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11212

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