



Notice
January 26, 2012

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Chancellor

The Proposed Co-Location of New Middle School 11X566 with J.H.S. 144 Michelangelo (11X144) in Building X144 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 co-locate a new middle school, 11X566 (“11X566”), in building X144 located at 2345 Gunther Avenue, Bronx, NY 10469 in District 11. If this proposal is approved, 11X566 would be co-located in building X144 with J.H.S. 144 Michelangelo (11X144, “J.H.S. 144”), an existing middle school currently serving students in sixth through eighth grades.

The DOE plans to reduce enrollment at J.H.S. 144 as an academic intervention strategy to help J.H.S. 144 improve student performance; as described in greater detail below, in recent years, J.H.S. 144 has received poor Progress Report grades. This planned enrollment reduction of J.H.S. 144 would also permit a new school, proposed to be 11X566, to be co-located in the X144 building. The DOE is planning to reduce the enrollment at J.H.S. 144 over a period of three years. Details of the year by year reduction are included in Section III.B, Impact on Schools. If this proposal is approved, by 2014-2015, enrollment at J.H.S. 144 would have decreased by approximately 445 – 480 students, so that the school would serve 465 – 495 students at scale in sixth through eighth grades.

If this co-location proposal is approved, 11X566 would gradually phase into the X144 building while J.H.S. 144 would simultaneously scale back its enrollment. 11X566 would serve students in sixth grade in 2012-2013 and would add one grade level every year until the school reaches its full grade span of sixth through eighth grades in the 2014-2015 school year, when it would serve approximately 465 – 495 students at full scale.

If this proposal is approved, both J.H.S. 144 and 11X566 would be zoned campus choice middle schools that would serve students in sixth through eighth grades. 11X566 and J.H.S. 144 would admit students through the District 11 Middle School Choice process and offer priority to students residing in the X144 zone through a campus choice admissions method, in which all students zoned to the X144 building would have priority for a seat in the building and would have the opportunity to rank the two schools in order of preference. Students would then be matched to one of the two schools through a zoned campus choice matching process operated by the Office of Student Enrollment (“OSE”).

In the 2011-2012 school year, building X144 enrolled 942 students, yielding a target building utilization rate of 60%. The X144 building would have adequate capacity to accommodate the new middle school, 11X566, at full operational capacity and J.H.S. 144 at its reduced size. In

the 2014 – 2015 school year, when 11X566 completes its phase-in and J.H.S. 144 completes its enrollment reduction, the X144 building would serve approximately 930 – 990 students, yielding an approximate utilization rate of 60 - 64%.

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/Mar212012Proposals.htm>
Copies of the EIS are also available in J.H.S. 144 Michelangelo’s main office.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D11proposals@schools.nyc.gov

Oral comments can be left at 212-374-5159

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.

Name: Stephanie Crane
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V. Date, time and place of joint public hearings for this proposal.

Monday, March 5, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.
School Building X144
2545 Gunther Avenue
Bronx, NY 10469

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.

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