



Notice
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Chancellor

The Proposed Opening and Co-Location of a New High School, 09X564, with Urban Assembly Academy for History and Citizenship for Young Men (09X239), Bronx Collegiate Academy (09X227), DreamYard Preparatory School (09X329), Bronx High School of Business (09X412), Bronx High School for Medical Science (09X413), and Jonathan Levin High School for Media and Communications (09X414) in School Building X410, 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 open and co-locate 09X564, a new district high school, in school building X410, the William Howard Taft Educational Campus (“X410” or “Taft Campus”), beginning in the 2012-2013 school year. The Taft Campus is located at 240 East 172nd Street, Bronx, NY 10457, within the geographical confines of Community School District 9 (“District 9”). A “co-location” means that two or more school organizations are located in the same building and may share common spaces like auditoriums, gymnasiums, libraries, and cafeterias.

09X564 is designed to serve English Language Learners (“ELLs”), students who are of limited English proficiency. The school’s mission is to create a stimulating, academically rigorous, and nurturing learning community that prepares ELL students for success in college and beyond. The school would serve both “newcomers,” students who are new to the country, and long-term ELLs, students who have completed six years of ELL services in New York City schools and continue to require such services. 09X564 would partner with Internationals Network for Public Schools, an organization whose vision is to ensure all ELL students have access to a quality high school education that prepares them for college and careers. If this proposal is approved, 09X564 would be open to students who are considered ELLs through the Citywide High School Admissions Process and through the over-the-counter admissions process.

If this proposal is approved by the Panel for Educational Policy (“PEP”) in March 2012, 09X564 would be co-located in X410 with the following six district schools: Urban Assembly Academy for History and Citizenship for Young Men (09X239, “UAA History and Citizenship”), an existing high school serving students in grades ten through twelve; Bronx Collegiate Academy (09X227, “Bronx Collegiate”), an existing high school serving students in grades nine through twelve; DreamYard Preparatory School (09X329, “DreamYard”), an existing high school serving students in grades nine through twelve; Bronx High School of Business (09X412, “School of Business”), an existing high school serving students in grades nine through twelve; Bronx High School for Medical Science (09X413, “School for Medical Science”), an existing secondary school serving students in grades six through twelve; and

Jonathan Levin High School for Media and Communications (09X414, “Jonathan Levin”), an existing school serving students in grades nine through twelve. In addition, building X410 houses a Living for the Young Family Through Education (“LYFE”) program.

This proposal is intended to replace the high school seats lost through the phase-out of UAA History and Citizenship, which is currently in its first year of phasing out pursuant to a proposal that was approved by the PEP on February 1, 2011. The DOE proposed to phase out and eventually close UAA History and Citizenship due to its poor performance. The school began phasing out in September 2011 and will close at the conclusion of the 2013-2014 school year, at which time the school would no longer enroll students.

According to the 2010-2011 Enrollment, Capacity, Utilization Report (the “Blue Book”), building X410 has a target capacity of 2,780 students. In the current 2011-2012 school year, the building serves 2,035 students, yielding a target utilization rate of 73%. Thus, X410 has sufficient space to accommodate the proposed co-location of 09X564.

If this proposal is approved, 09X564 would open in X410 in September 2012 and would serve approximately 75-85 students in the ninth grade. 09X564 would gradually phase in by adding one grade per year through 2015-2016. The school is expected to reach full scale in 2015-2016, when it would serve approximately 300-340 students in grades nine through twelve.

In the 2015-2016 school year, after UAA Citizenship and History has completed its phase-out and 09X564 has reached full scale, approximately 2,090-2,360 students would be served in the building, resulting in a projected target utilization rate of 75-85%.

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

The Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) can be found on the DOE’s Web site at:

<http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2011-2012/Mar212012Proposals.htm>.

Copies of the EIS are also available in the main offices of: Urban Assembly Academy for History and Citizenship for Young Men, Bronx Collegiate Academy, DreamYard Preparatory School, Bronx High School of Business, Bronx High School for Medical Science, and Jonathan Levin High School for Media and Communications.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D09Proposals@schools.nyc.gov.

Oral comments can be left at 212-374-5159.

IV. The name, office, address, e-mail, 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 Hearing for this proposal.

Tuesday, March 6th, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.
The William Howard Taft Educational Campus
240 East 172nd Street
Bronx, NY 10457

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.

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