



Notice
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Chancellor

The Proposed Opening and Co-location of Manhattan Charter School II (84MTBD) with Existing Schools Henry Street School for International Studies (01M292), University Neighborhood Middle School (01M332), and Collaborative Academy of Science, Technology, and Language Arts Education (01M345) in Building M056 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”) has published an Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) proposing to open and site a new public charter school, Manhattan Charter School II (84MTBD, “MCS II”), in Building M056 (“M056”), located at 220 Henry Street, New York, NY 10002, in Community School District 1 beginning in 2012-2013. MCS II would be co-located in M056 with Henry Street School for International Studies (01M292, “Henry Street”), an existing district secondary school that serves students in grades six through twelve; University Neighborhood Middle School (01M332, “UNMS”), an existing district middle school that serves students in grades six through eight; and Collaborative Academy of Science, Technology, & Language-Arts Education (01M345, “CASTLE”), an existing district middle school that serves students in grades six through eight. A “co-location” means that two or more school organizations are located in the same building and may share common spaces like auditoriums, gymnasiums, and cafeterias.

Henry Street, UNMS, and CASTLE admit students in sixth grade through the District 1 Middle School Choice Process. For its high school grades, Henry Street admits students in ninth grade through the Citywide High School Admissions Process. Additional information about the District 1 Middle School Choice Process and the Citywide High School Admissions Process is described in further detail in the EIS.

MCS II will be a new public charter school that will serve students in kindergarten through fifth grade at full-scale. The charter for this school was authorized by the State University of New York (“SUNY”) Charter Schools Institute in June 2011. If this proposal is approved, MCS II would begin serving 80-100 students in kindergarten through first grade in the M056 building in the 2012-2013 school. MCS II would expand to serve a new grade of students each year until 2016-2017, when it would reach full scale and serve approximately 240-300 students in kindergarten through fifth grade.

M056 has a target capacity of 1,445 students. Currently, the building serves approximately 775 students, yielding a utilization rate of just 54%, which means the building is under-utilized. If this proposal is approved, MCS II would be co-located with Henry Street, UNMS, and CASTLE. Once MCS II has completed its expansion, there will be approximately 940-1,130 students served in the building by Henry Street, UNMS, CASTLE, and MCS II, yielding a building utilization rate of 65-78%. (The concepts of “capacity” and “utilization rate” are described in the EIS). In addition, as discussed in section III.B. of the EIS and in the Building Utilization Plan (“BUP”), the building has sufficient space to provide all three schools with at least their baseline room allocations. Therefore, the building has the capacity to accommodate MCS II and all existing schools when fully phased in.

Also, M056 houses the New York City Center for Space Science Education (NYCCSSE), which is part of the DOE’s Mathematics and Science Department in Teaching and Learning. The proposal is not expected to impact NYCCSSE.

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

The EIS and BUP 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 and BUP are also available in the main offices of Henry Street, UNMS, and CASTLE.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D01Proposals@schools.nyc.gov.

Oral comments can be left at (212)374-3466.

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.

Thursday, March 8, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.
Henry Street/UNMS/CASTLE
220 Henry Street
New York, NY 10002

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 24th Street
New York, NY 10011