



**Notice**  
February 2, 2012

**Dennis M. Walcott**  
*Chancellor*

**The Proposed Opening and Co-Location of ROADS Charter High School II (84XTBD) with Existing Transfer High Schools, Arturo A. Schomburg Satellite Academy Bronx (12X446) and Bronx Regional High School (12X480), and a GED Plus Program (79Q950) in School Building X401, 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 a new public charter high school, ROADS Charter High School II (84XTBD, “ROADS II”), in school building X401 (“X401”), located at 1010 Reverend James A. Polite Avenue, Bronx, New York 10459, within the geographical confines of Community School District 12 (“District 12”), beginning in the 2012-2013 school year.

If this proposal is approved by the Panel for Educational Policy (“PEP”), ROADS II will be co-located in X401 with Arturo A. Schomburg Satellite Academy Bronx (12X446, “Satellite Academy”), an existing transfer high school, Bronx Regional High School (12X480, “Bronx Regional”), an existing transfer high school, and a full-time General Education Development (“GED”) Plus program (79Q950). X401 also houses the following programs and organizations: a Living for the Young Family through Education (“LYFE”) program, a community-based organization (“CBO”) Montefiore Medical Center, and a Referral Center for High School Alternatives (“Referral Center”). 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.

The mission of ROADS II is to ensure that disconnected youth—over-age, under-credited students—graduate from high school thoroughly prepared to excel academically, professionally, and personally.

The school’s charter was approved by the State University of New York in March 2011. Under this charter, ROADS II will admit students through a charter lottery, giving preference to students who reside in District 12.

ROADS II is like a DOE transfer school in that, while it will serve students in grades nine through twelve, it will not adhere to strict grade distinctions, as students will enroll at various stages of credit accumulation. If this proposal is approved, ROADS will admit students for the 2012-2013 school year who have earned anywhere from 0-11 academic credits and who are 15-17 years old. The school will offer three cohorts based on an evaluation of students’ reading levels at the time of entry. The three cohorts are: (1) “Building Skills” for students who have less than a seventh-grade reading level; (2) “Approaching Competency” for students

who are at a seventh-grade reading level and above; and (3) “College Readiness” for students who have passed three Regents exams. As students earn credits and achieve academic competencies in reading, writing, and mathematics, they will progress from level to level, until they are ready to graduate.

If this proposal is approved, ROADS II will open in X401 for the 2012-2013 school year with an entering class of approximately 135-165 students. Each subsequent year, the school will add 45-55 students. The school is expected to reach full scale in terms of enrollment in 2014-2015, when it will serve approximately 225-275 students.

ROADS II is expected to add one grade level each year as the student population earns more credits. The grade span of nine through twelve reflects the credit accumulation that students need in order to be considered part of a particular grade. ROADS Charter School II expects to offer all high school grades—nine through twelve—in 2015-2016 as this is the first year in which it is expected that some students enrolled at the school will have earned at least 33 credits, and therefore will be considered twelfth-graders.

X401 has a target capacity of 1,622 students. During the current 2011-2012 school year, the building is serving 1,080 students, yielding a target utilization rate of 67%. This means that the building is under-utilized and has extra space to accommodate additional students.

If this proposal is approved, during the first year of implementation in the 2012-2013 school year, X401 is projected to serve approximately 1,130-1,335 students, yielding a projected target utilization rate between 70-82%. During the final year of implementation, in the 2014-2015 school year, X401 is projected to serve approximately 1,220-1,445 students, yielding a projected target utilization rate between 75-89%. Therefore, if this proposal is approved, the building will be more efficiently utilized while at the same time providing a new educational option for students in the community.

## **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 Satellite Academy, Bronx Regional, and the GED Plus program.

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

Written comments can be sent to [D12Proposals@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:D12Proposals@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.**

Monday March 12, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.  
Building X401  
1010 Reverend James A. Polite Avenue  
Bronx, New York 10459

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