Notice
February 3, 2012

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Chancellor

The Proposed Co-Location of New Visions Charter High School for the Humanities II (84XTBD) with Samuel Gompers Career and Technical Education High School (07X655) and a New Transfer High School (07X557) in School Building X655, 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 New Visions Charter High School for the Humanities II (84XTBD, "HUM II") in building X655, located at 455 Southern Boulevard, Bronx, NY 10455, within the geographical confines of Community School District 7 ("District 7"), with Samuel Gompers Career and Technical Education High School (07X655, "Samuel Gompers") and 07X557, a new transfer high school, beginning in 2012-2013. HUM II is a new public charter school proposed to serve students in grades nine through twelve at scale.

On December 22, 2012, the DOE issued a proposal to co-locate of New Visions Charter High School for Advanced Math and Science II (84XTBD, "AMS II") in building X655 with Samuel Gompers and 07X655. On February 3, 2012, the DOE withdrew that proposal.

In a separate EIS, originally posted on December 22, 2011 and amended on February 3, 2012, the DOE proposed to phase out Samuel Gompers, an existing Career and Technical Education ("CTE") high school. That amended EIS can be found at: http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2011-2012/Feb2012Proposals.htm.

The DOE proposed to phase out Samuel Gompers after an extensive review of data and community feedback indicating that the school lacks the capacity to turn around quickly to better support student needs.

If the phase-out of Samuel Gompers is approved by the Panel for Educational Policy ("PEP"), Samuel Gompers will no longer admit new ninth-grade students after the conclusion of the 2011-2012 school year. The school's enrollment will decrease gradually over the next three years, and the school will complete its phase-out in June 2015. In the event that the phase-out of Samuel Gompers is not approved, the DOE will re-examine the availability of space in building X655 and may, if appropriate, revise this co-location proposal.

The details of the proposal to co-locate 07X655 in building X655 is described in a separate EIS published on February 3, 2012. The details of the HUM II co-location proposal can be

found on the DOE's Web site at:
http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2011-2012/Mar212012Proposals.htm.

The proposed opening and co-location of HUM II in building X655 is part of the DOE's central goal to create new school options that will better serve future students and the community. HUM II will offer CTE programs, which will train students with workforce skills in specific careers—and will thus help meet the DOE's goal of providing new CTE options for the community in light of the phase-out of Samuel Gompers.

The mission of HUM II is to ensure that its graduates have the skills and content knowledge necessary to succeed in their post-secondary choices by engaging them in coherent learning experiences that cultivate critical thinking and creativity. The school's charter was approved by the New York State Education Department on September 12, 2011. Under this charter, HUM II will admit students through a charter lottery, giving preference to students who reside in District 7.

If all three proposals are approved, HUM II will be co-located in building X655 with Samuel Gompers (as it phases out) and with 07X557 (as it phases in). HUM II will open in September 2012 serving approximately 120-130 students in the ninth grade. HUM II will gradually phase into the building by adding one grade at a time in each subsequent year through the 2015-2016 school year. At that point, the school will serve grades nine through twelve. However, since the school is starting with a smaller enrollment during the first two years of its phase-in, it will take until 2017-2018 until the school's enrollment grows to full scale.

Building X655 has a target capacity of 1,348 students. During the current 2011-2012 school year, the building is serving a total of 630 students, yielding a utilization rate of 47%.

In 2017-2018, once Samuel Gompers has completed its phase-out and both HUM II and 07X557 have reached full scale, there will be approximately 810-910 students served in the building. This yields a projected target building utilization rate of approximately 60-68%.

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

The 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 Samuel Gompers' main office.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D07Proposals@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.

March 8, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.
Samuel Gompers Career and Technical Education High School
455 Southern Boulevard
Bronx, NY 10455

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