



Notice
February 3, 2012

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Chancellor

The Proposed Co-Location of a New Transfer High School (07X557) with Samuel Gompers Career and Technical Education High School (07X655) and New Visions Charter High School for Humanities II (84XTBD) 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 that to co-locate a new transfer high school, 07X557, 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 New Visions Charter High School for the Humanities II (84XTBD, “HUM II”), beginning in 2012-2013. Transfer school 07X557 will provide a rigorous and engaging academic curriculum and will prepare students for post-secondary education and work. 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.

On December 22, 2011, the DOE issued a proposal to co-locate 07X557 in building X655 with Samuel Gompers and New Visions Charter High School for Advanced Math and Science II (84XTBD, “AMS II”), beginning in 2012-2013. On February 3, 2012, the DOE withdrew that proposal.

In a separate Educational Impact Statement (“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 currently located in building X655. 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 HUM II 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 co-location of 07X557 in building X655 is part of the DOE's central goal to create new school options that are intended to better serve future students and the community at large. 07X557 will prepare over-age, under-credited students for post-secondary education and/or work. 07X557 will have a rolling admissions policy, accepting students throughout the year who are 16 years of age and older and who have attended another New York City high school for at least one year. Please refer to Section III.A of the EIS for additional information about the school's admissions process.

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

If this proposal is approved, 07X557 will open in building X655 in September 2012 and will serve approximately 130-170 students in grades nine through twelve. In each subsequent year through 2014-2015, the school will enroll approximately 50 additional students. 07X557 is expected to reach full scale in terms of enrollment in 2014-2015, when it will serve approximately 230-270 students in grades nine through twelve.

In 2017-2018, once Samuel Gompers has completed its proposed 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