



Notice
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Chancellor

The Proposed Co-Location of a New High School 08X559, with Existing School Jane Addams High School for Academic Careers (08X650) and a New Public Charter High School, New Visions Charter High School for Advanced Math and Science II (84XTBD) in Building X650 Beginning in 2012-2013

I. Description of the subject and purpose of the proposed item under consideration.

On December 22, 2012, the New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) issued an Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) describing a proposal to co-locate a new Career and Technical Education (“CTE”) high school, 08X559 (“08X559”), located at 900 Tinton Avenue, Bronx, NY 10456, within the geographical confines of Community School District 8 (“District 8”), with Jane Addams High School for Academic Careers (08X650, “Jane Addams”) and New Visions Charter High School for the Humanities II (84XTBD, “HUM II”), beginning in 2012-2013. In addition, X650 houses a Living for the Young Family Through Education (“LYFE”) program that would also be co-located with 08X559. 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 February 2, 2012, the DOE withdrew the proposal to co-locate 08X559 in building X650 with Jane Addams and HUM II.

The DOE now proposes that 08X559 be co-located in X650 with Jane Addams and New Visions Charter High School for Advanced Math and Science II (84XTBD, “AMS II”), beginning in 2012-2013.

In a separate EIS, originally posted on December 22, 2011 and amended on February 2, 2012, the DOE also proposed to phase out Jane Addams, an existing CTE high school currently located in building X650. The amended EIS can be found at: <http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2011-2012/Feb2012Proposals.htm>.

The DOE proposed to phase out Jane Addams 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 approved, Jane Addams would no longer admit new ninth-grade students after the conclusion of the 2011-2012 school year. The school’s enrollment would decrease gradually over the next three years, and the school would complete its phase-out in June 2015. The details of the amended phase-out proposal can be found at <http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2011-2012/Feb2012Proposals>.

In the event that the phase-out of Jane Addams is not approved, the DOE would re-examine the availability of space in building X650, and may, if appropriate, revise this co-location proposal.

In another EIS originally published on December 22, 2012, the DOE also proposed to open and co-locate a new charter high school, HUM II, in building X650 beginning in 2012-2013. The DOE has withdrawn that proposal and instead proposes to co-locate AMS II in building X650 in 2012-2013. If that proposal is approved, 08X559 will also be co-located in building X650 with AMS II throughout the course of its phase-in and thereafter. AMS II will be open to students through a charter lottery application process, and students who reside in District 8 will receive priority in the lottery. The details of the AMS 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 08X559 in building X650 is part of the DOE's central goal to create new school options that would better serve future students and the community at large. 08X559 would offer a rigorous, college-preparatory program with a Career and Technical Education ("CTE") component, would be open to students through the Citywide High School Admissions Process, and would have an unscreened selection method. The new school would open for the 2012-2013 school year, when it would serve approximately 130-140 students in the ninth grade. 08X559 would gradually phase in by adding one grade per year. The school is expected to reach full scale in 2015-2016 when it would serve approximately 520-560 students in grades nine through twelve.

In the current 2011-2012 school year, the building is serving approximately 706 students, yielding a target utilization rate of 57%.

In 2017-2018, once Jane Addams has completed its phase-out and both AMS II and 08X559 have reached full scale, there will be approximately 1,100-1,200 students served in the building. This yields a projected target building utilization rate of approximately 89-97%.

Background on the DOE's Decision-Making Process

The DOE strives to ensure that all students in New York City have access to high-quality schools at every stage of their education. The DOE proposed to phase out Jane Addams due to the school's history of poor performance. The DOE believes that continuing to allocate space and resources to schools that are unable to significantly improve student performance is neither efficient nor equitable.

As part of the replacement strategy for Jane Addams, the DOE is proposing to recover the seats lost through the phase-out of Jane Addams by opening two new high schools in building X650, 08X559 and AMS II.

The subject of this proposal, 08X559, would offer a rigorous, college-preparatory program with a CTE component designed to equip students with the skills necessary to achieve post-secondary success in college and careers. As noted, it would admit students through the High School Admissions Process.

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

The Educational Impact Statement ("EIS") and Building Utilization Plan ("BUP") can be found on the Department of Education's Web site:

<http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2011-2012/Feb2012Proposals>.

Copies of the EIS and BUP are also available in Jane Addams High School for Academics and Careers's main office.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D08Proposals@schools.nyc.gov

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

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.

March 12, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.
Building X650
900 Tinton Avenue
Bronx, NY 10456

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 for Fashion Industries
225 West 24th Street
New York, NY 10011