



Notice
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Chancellor

The Proposed Co-Location of New High School 08X558 with Herbert H. Lehman High School (08X405), Renaissance High School for Musical Theatre & Technology (08X293), and a District 75 Inclusion Program (75X721) in Building X405 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 a new high school, 08X558 (“08X558”), in building X405 located at 3000 East Tremont Avenue, Bronx, NY 10461, within the geographical confines of District 8. The proposed new high school will offer a rigorous academic program and prepare students for post-secondary education and careers. If this proposal is approved, 08X558 will be co-located in building X405 with Herbert H. Lehman High School (08X405, “Lehman”), an existing high school currently serving students in ninth through twelfth grades, Renaissance High School for Musical Theatre & Technology (08X293, “Renaissance”), also an existing high school currently serving students in ninth through twelfth grades, and a District 75 inclusion program (75X721, “D75 inclusion program”). In addition, X405 houses a Young Adult Borough Center, Lehman YABC (X408, “YABC”) and a part-time GED Plus – Learning-to-Work program (X950, “GED Plus – LTW”). 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.

In an inclusion program, a student with special needs receives services in a general education classroom along with general education students. Students in the D75 inclusion program at Lehman are enrolled in general education classes at Lehman based on their Individualized Education Program (“IEP”) recommendations and receive Special Education Teacher Support Services (“SETSS”).

In consultation with the school’s leader, cluster and network support, and community, the DOE is planning to reduce the enrollment at Lehman over a period of four years. Details of the year by year reduction are included in Section III.B. Impact on Schools. By 2015-2016, enrollment at Lehman will decrease by approximately 780-820 students so that it will serve 2,585-2,625 students at scale in ninth through twelfth grades. This reduction of Lehman’s enrollment will occur regardless of whether this co-location proposal is approved and will create space for 08X558 to open in a building that is currently overcrowded.

If this co-location proposal is approved, 08X558 will gradually phase into X405 while Lehman simultaneously scales back its enrollment. Enrollment at Renaissance and the D75 inclusion program will remain stable over the course of this proposal. The new school will serve students in ninth grade in 2012-2013 and will add one grade level every year until the school reaches its full grade span of ninth through twelfth grades in the 2015-2016 school year, serving approximately 420-460 students.

08X558 will admit students through the Citywide High School Admissions Process and will have a limited unscreened admissions method with priority for students residing in the Bronx. Additional information about the school’s admission process is detailed in section III.A. of this proposal.

In 2011-2012, building X405 is serving 3,902 students, yielding a utilization rate of 112% of target capacity. This overcrowding is largely driven by the size of Lehman, which is serving 3,405 students in 2011-2012.

The X405 building will have adequate capacity to accommodate the new high school, Lehman, the D75 inclusion program and Renaissance at full operational capacity. Once 08X558 completes its phase-in and Lehman completes its enrollment reduction, the building will serve approximately 3,473 – 3,596 students in 2015-2016, yielding an approximate utilization rate of 100-103%.

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

The Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) 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 are also available in Herbert H. Lehman High School’s, Renaissance High School for Musical Theatre & Technology’s and the District 75 Inclusion Program’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.

Name: Stephanie Crane
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V. Date, time and place of joint public hearings for this proposal.

March 7, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.
Herbert H. Lehman High School
3000 East Tremont Avenue
Bronx, NY 10461

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