Amended Notice
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Chancellor

Amended Proposed Co-location of the Fifth Grade of Harlem Success Academy Charter School 2 (84M384) and the Fifth Grade of Harlem Success Academy Charter School 3 (84M385) with P.S. 185 Early Childhood Discovery and Design Magnet School, (03M185), P.S. 208 Alain L. Locke Magnet School for Environmental Stewardship (03M208), Harlem Link Charter School (84M329), P226M@P208M (75M226), in Building M185/208 During the 2012-2013 School Year

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

On February 2, 2012, the New York City Department of Education ("DOE") issued an Educational Impact Statement ("EIS") describing a proposal to co-locate the fifth grade of Harlem Success Academy Charter School 2 (84M384, "HSA 2") and the fifth grade of Harlem Success Academy Charter School 3 (84M385, "HSA 3") in Tandem Buildings M185 and M208 ("M185/208"), located respectively at 20 West 112th Street, New York, NY 10026 and 21 West 111th Street, New York, NY 10026, in Community School District 3, for the 2012-2013 school year. "Tandem buildings" are two separate buildings with separate entrances, which are joined by a central core containing a shared gymnasium, auditorium, and cafeterias. During the 2012-2013 school year, HSA 2 would serve 65-70 fifth-grade students, and HSA 3 would serve 75-85 fifth-grade students, in M185/208 in the M208 portion of the building. The students from HSA 2 and HSA 3 would be served jointly in M185/208 as a unified fifth-grade cohort of 140-155 students. HSA 2 and HSA 3 would be co-located in M185/208 with four existing schools: P.S. 185 Early Childhood Discovery and Design Magnet School (03M185, "P.S. 185"), a zoned early childhood school in the M185 building serving kindergarten through second grades and offering a full-day pre-kindergarten program; P.S. 208 Alain L. Locke Magnet School for Environmental Stewardship (03M208, "P.S. 208"), a zoned elementary school in the M208 building serving third through fifth grades; Harlem Link Charter School (84M329, "Harlem Link"), a public charter school, located in both the M185 and M208 buildings, serving students in kindergarten through fifth grades; and P226M (75M226, "P226M@P208M"), one site of a multi-site District 75 school, located in M208. 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.

The DOE is now issuing an amended EIS clarifying the application process for out-of-zone students at P.S. 185 and P.S. 208, and an amended Building Utilization Plan clarifying that a shared room designated by the Building Council for use as a library by Harlem Link would return to use as a classroom if this plan is approved. These amendments do not significantly revise the proposal.

HSA 2 is an existing charter school serving kindergarten through fourth grades in building M030, located at 144-176 East 128th Street, New York, NY 10035, in Community School District 5, approximately 1.2 miles from M185/208. HSA 2 is co-located with two other schools in the M030 building: P.S. 30 Hernandez/Hughes (05M030, "P.S. 30"), a zoned elementary school serving students in kindergarten

through fifth grades as well as a pre-kindergarten program, and P138M@P030M (75M138, "P138M@P030M"), one site of a multi-site District 75 school. If this proposal is approved, HSA 2's kindergarten through fourth grade would continue to be served at this site and would continue to be co-located with P.S. 30 and P138M@P030M.

HSA 3 is an existing charter school serving kindergarten through fourth grades in building M101, located at 141 East 111th Street, New York, NY 10029 in Community School District 4, approximately 0.5 miles from M185/208. HSA 3 is co-located with two other schools in the M101 building: Mosaic Preparatory Academy (04M375, "Mosaic"), a choice elementary school serving kindergarten through fifth grades as well as a pre-kindergarten program; and P811M@P101M (75M811, "P811M@P101M"), one site of a multi-site District 75 school. If this proposal is approved, HSA 3's kindergarten through fourth grades would continue to be served at this site and would continue to be co-located with Mosaic and P811M@M101.

Success Academy Charter Schools ("Success Academies") is a charter management organization ("CMO") that operates nine public charter schools in New York City. The State University of New York ("SUNY") Charter Schools Institute has authorized HSA 2 and HSA 3 to serve kindergarten through fifth grades. However, after evaluating the space available in the buildings currently housing HSA 2 and HSA 3, the DOE has concluded that M030 and M101 can accommodate only the schools' kindergarten through fourth-grade students. Therefore, the DOE is proposing to co-locate the fifth grades of HSA 2 and HSA 3 in M185/208 for one year. The DOE will consider all long-term options to accommodate the future anticipated growth of HSA 2 and HSA 3 to include grades six through eight. If this proposal to co-locate the fifth grades of HSA 2 and HSA 3 in M185/208 is approved, fifth-grade students from HSA 2 and HSA 3 would be served in the M185/208 building in 2012-2013.

Any proposal regarding the future siting and/or co-location of HSA 2 and HSA 3's fifth through eighth grades would be posted in a future Educational Impact Statement ("EIS") subject to a vote by the Panel for Educational Policy. Any proposal for the use of M185/208 beyond 2012-2013 would also be proposed in a future EIS.

P.S 185 is a zoned early childhood school that admits students in kindergarten through second grades in accordance with Chancellor's Regulation A-101. P.S. 185 also has a pre-kindergarten program, which admits students through the standard universal pre-kindergarten admissions process. (Admissions procedures are discussed in more detail in section III.A. in the EIS.) P.S. 208 is a zoned elementary school that admits students in third through fifth grades in accordance with Chancellor's Regulation A-101. Although they are two distinct schools, P.S. 185 and P.S. 208 serve the same zone and students generally articulate from the second grade at P.S. 185 to the third grade at P.S. 208. P226M serves 275 students in grades K-12 and offers a pre-kindergarten program. P226M is split-sited across eight locations, including M185/208. P226M@P208M currently serves approximately 38 students in third through fifth grades. Harlem Link is a public charter school serving students in kindergarten through fifth grades and admits students via lottery.

According to the 2010-2011 Enrollment, Capacity, Utilization Report (the "Blue Book"), M185/208 has the combined capacity to serve 983 students. Currently, the building serves 774 students, yielding a building utilization rate of 79%. If this proposal is approved, in 2012-2013, HSA 2 and HSA 3 will serve approximately 140-155 students in fifth grade at M185/208. If this approval is approved, in 2012-2013 M185/208 is projected to serve approximately 840-996 students in total at HSA 3, HSA 2, P.S. 185, P.S. 208, Harlem Link, and P226M@P208M, yielding an estimated building utilization rate of 85-101%. While this utilization rate might imply that there is not room in the school for the new grade, this rate does not account for the fact that rooms may be programmed for more efficient or different uses than the standard assumptions in the utilization calculation. Moreover, as discussed in section III.B. of the EIS and

in the attached Building Utilization Plan ("BUP"), the building has sufficient space to provide all these schools with at least their baseline room allocations under the Citywide Instructional Footprint ("Footprint"). Therefore, the M185/208 building has the capacity to accommodate all existing schools along with the proposed addition of the fifth grades of HSA 3 and HSA 2.

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

The EIS and BUP 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 and the BUP are also available in the main offices of P.S. 208, P.S. 185, Harlem Link, HSA 2, and HSA 3, as well as the offices of P226M in M208 and its other sites.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D03Proposals@schools.nyc.gov.

Oral comments can be left at (212) 374-3466.

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 15, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.
M185/208
21 West 111th Street
New York, NY 10026

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