



**Notice**  
December 10, 2010

**Joel I. Klein**  
*Chancellor*

## **The Proposed Closure of KAPPA II (05M317)**

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

KAPPA II (05M317, “KAPPA II”) is an existing choice middle school located at 144-176 East 128 Street, New York, NY, 10035, in Community School District 5, in Building M030. It currently serves students in sixth through eighth grade. P.S. 30 Hernandez/Hughes (05M030, “P.S. 30”), an existing zoned elementary school; P.S. 138 (05M138, “P138M”), an existing District 75 school which serves students in multiple locations; and Harlem Success Academy 2 Charter School (84M384, “HSA 2”), an existing public charter school, are also located at M030. The New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) is proposing to close KAPPA II based on its poor performance and the DOE’s assessment that the school lacks capacity to turn around quickly to better support student needs.

If this proposal were approved, KAPPA II would close at the conclusion of the 2010-2011 school year. Current students would be offered seats at other District 5 schools, or could apply to charter schools in District 5 or throughout the City. (Students who do not meet promotional requirements following the closure would continue to have access to appropriate courses to support their progress toward promotion. For example, if a current sixth grader does not meet promotion standards to enter seventh grade in 2011-12, he/she may repeat sixth grade at his/her new school.)

The DOE’s proposal to close KAPPA II at the conclusion of the 2010-2011 school year, rather than phase KAPPA II out over two years, is driven by the fact that enrollment at KAPPA II is too low to be sustained over a two-year phase out. KAPPA II currently enrolls a total of 65 students, including 13 sixth graders, 23 seventh grade students and 29 eighth grade students. There is sufficient capacity in District 5 schools and the public charter schools that give preference to District 5 students to provide these students with seats in another school in their community for 2011-2012.

The Office of Student Enrollment would inform parents of current sixth- and seventh-grade students about middle school transfer options in Spring 2011.

P.S. 30, P138M, and HSA 2 would remain “co-located” in M030 once KAPPA II is closed. 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. Once HSA2 has completed its expansion and KAPPA II has closed, there would be approximately 1,000 students served in the building.

## **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/2010-2011/Feb12011Proposals>

A copy of the EIS is also available in the main offices of KAPPA II, P.S. 30, HSA 2, and P138M@P030M.

## **III. Submission of public comment.**

Written comments can be sent to [D05Proposals@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:D05Proposals@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.**

January 11, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.  
Building M030 (current site of KAPPA II / P.S.30 / HSA 2 / P138M@P030M)  
144-176 East 128 Street  
New York, NY, 10030

Questions about the proposal can 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. Interpretation services will be provided in Spanish. To request interpretation services in another language, please contact Ms. Falstrom at the e-mail address or telephone number above.

## **VI. Date, time and place of the Panel for Educational Policy meeting at which the Panel will vote on the proposed item.**

February 1, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.  
Brooklyn Technical High School  
29 Fort Greene Place  
Brooklyn, NY 11217