



Notice
December 10, 2010

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Chancellor

The Proposed Temporary Grade Expansion of the Co-Location of Harlem Success Academy 1 with P.S. 149 Sojourner Truth (03M149) and P811M (P811@M149/M207), a District 75 School, in M149/M207 for 2011-2012

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

Harlem Success Academy (84M351, "HSA1") is an existing public charter school located at 34 West 118th Street in District 3. It currently serves students in Kindergarten through fifth grade. HSA1 is co-located with P.S. 149 Sojourner Truth ("P.S. 149") and P811M Mickey Mantle School ("P811M") in Tandem Buildings M149/M207. Co-location refers to situations where multiple schools are located within a single school facility, often sharing certain common rooms and outdoor recreation areas. In this case all three co-located schools share the cafeteria, auditorium, gymnasium, and outdoor space at the tandem buildings. Tandem buildings are two separate classroom buildings with separate entrances, which are joined by a central core containing a shared gymnasium, auditorium, and cafeteria.

P.S. 149 is a zoned elementary school that enrolls students in Kindergarten through eighth grade and also offers a Pre-Kindergarten program. P811M is a District 75 program that serves students with disabilities in grades Kindergarten through eighth grade and also offers a Pre-Kindergarten program. P811M serves students in multiple locations. The community-based organization ("CBO") Harlem Children's Zone ("HCZ") also has rooms in M149/M207 where it operates a Pre-Kindergarten program.

This is a proposal for a one-year grade expansion for HSA1 to be temporarily sited within the M149/M209 tandem building. If this proposal is approved, existing fifth graders at HSA1 would become sixth graders in the 2011-2012 school year. These sixth grade students would temporarily be served in HSA1's current location.

HSA1 has applied to the New York State Education Department ("SED") to expand the grades that it offers to include middle school grades six through eight.

The Department of Education ("DOE") proposes to allow HSA1 to expand to add grades six through eight, to enroll sixth grade students in the current HSA1 location for the 2011-2012 school year, and to relocate grades five and six to a different building beginning in the 2012-2013 school year. SED is expected to vote on HSA1's grade expansion proposal in December 2010. The DOE's implementation of this temporary expansion proposal is contingent on SED's approval of the grade expansion.

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

The Educational Impact Statement can be found on the Department of Education's Web site:
<http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2010-2011/Feb12011Proposals>.

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 hearing for this proposal.

January 10, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.
Harlem Success Academy 1
34 West 118th Street
New York, NY 10026

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.

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