



**Notice**  
December 13, 2010

**Joel I. Klein**  
*Chancellor*

## **The Proposed Phase-out of Academy of Environmental Science Secondary High School (04M635)**

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

Academy of Environmental Science Secondary High School (04M635, “AES”) is an existing high school located at 410 East 100<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY 10029, located within the geographical confines of Manhattan’s Community School District 4. It currently serves students in grades nine through twelve. The New York City Department of Education (DOE) is proposing to phase out and eventually close AES based on its poor performance and the DOE’s assessment that the school lacks the capacity to turn around quickly to better support student needs.

If this proposal is approved, AES would no longer admit new ninth-grade students after the conclusion of the 2010-2011 school year. Current students would be supported as they progress towards graduation while remaining enrolled in AES. In cases where students do not complete graduation requirements in time for the June 2014 closure date, the DOE would help students and families identify alternative programs or schools that meet students’ needs so that they may continue their education after AES completes phasing out.

AES is located in building M099 and is currently co-located with another high school, Renaissance Charter High School for Innovation (84M433 “Renaissance Charter High”), and two DOE middle schools, Manhattan East School for Arts and Academics (04M224, “Manhattan East”) and Renaissance School of the Arts, (04M377, “RSA”). Renaissance Charter High is a new high school that began with its first cohort of 9<sup>th</sup> graders at the beginning of this school year (2010-2011). Renaissance Charter High’s phase-in plan calls for the school to continue adding one grade per year until it has a full cohort of grades 9-12 in the 2013-2014 school year. Both Manhattan East and RSA are already fully phased into the building. Manhattan East serves students in grades 6 through 8. RSA also serves students in grades 6 through 8.

In 2009-2010, Building M099 had a target capacity to serve 1,269 students and enrolled 797 students, yielding a utilization rate of 65% of target capacity. Based on DOE projections of current-year enrollment, the four schools within the building serve a total of 946 students--355 high school students at AES and 141 high school students at Renaissance Charter High, plus 250 students at Manhattan East and 200 students at RSA. Thus, the estimated building utilization for this academic year rate is 75% of target capacity. This means that the building was and is “underutilized” and has extra space to accommodate additional students.

If this proposal is approved, the other schools located in the M099 building would continue serving their current students, with Renaissance Charter High adding grades as it continues to expand to full scale by 2013-2014. The DOE does not anticipate siting any additional schools on the M099 campus at this time.

**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 AES, Renaissance Charter High, Manhattan East, and RSA.

**III. Submission of public comment.**

Written comments can be sent to [HS.Proposals@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:HS.Proposals@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 13, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.  
Academy of Environmental Science Secondary High School  
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New York, NY 10029

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. 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