Department of Education

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The Proposed Phase-out of New Day Academy (12X245)

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

New Day Academy (12X245, "New Day") is an existing school serving grades 6-12 located at 800 Home Street, Bronx, NY 10456, located within the geographical confines of Community School District 12. The New York City Department of Education (DOE) is proposing to phase-out and eventually close New Day based on its poor performance and the DOE's assessment that the school lacks the ability to turn around quickly to better support student needs.

If this proposal is approved, New Day would be phased out gradually over the next several years. New Day would no longer admit new sixth-grade or 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 at New Day Academy. In cases where students do not complete graduation requirements in time for the June 2014 closure date, the DOE will help students and families identify alternative programs or schools that meet students' needs so that they may continue their education after New Day phases out.

New Day is located in building X158 and is currently co-located with Bronx Latin (12X267, "Bronx Latin"), Bronx Career and College Preparatory High School (12X479, "Bronx Career"), and Dr. Izquierdo Health and Science Charter School (84X482, "Izquierdo Charter School"). Bronx Latin serves students in grades 6-12. Bronx Career is a new school and is still "phasing in" to the building. In 2010-2011, Bronx Career serves grades 9 and 10 and will grow to its full 9-12 grade span in the 2012-2013 school year. Izquierdo Charter School opened in the 2010-2011 school year with grade 6 and is currently in the process of phasing in. It is expected to reach its 6-12 grade span in the 2016-2017 school year.

In 2009-2010, X158 had a target capacity of 1,796 students, and the building enrolled 870 students, with a utilization rate of 49%. In 2010-2011, X158 is projected to enroll 1,027 students, which would yield a utilization rate of 57%. This means that the building is "underutilized" and had extra space to accommodate additional students. Bronx Latin just finished phasing in its final grades during the 2010-2011 school year. As discussed above, Bronx Career and Izquierdo Charter school are currently in the process of phasing in. If this proposal is approved, the other schools located in X158 would continue serving their current students and adding additional grades as they continue expanding to full scale.

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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 New Day Academy, Bronx Latin, Bronx Career and College Preparatory High School, and Dr. Izquierdo Health and Science Charter School.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D12Proposals@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: Gentian Falstrom
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V. Date, time and place of joint public hearings for this proposal.

January 14, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.
New Day Academy
800 Home Street
Bronx, NY 10456

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