Amended Notice
December 14, 2010

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Chancellor

The Proposed Phase-out of the School for Community Research and Learning (08X540)

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

The School for Community Research and Learning (08X540, "SCRL") is an existing high school located at the Adlai E. Stevenson Campus (Building X450), 1980 Lafayette Avenue, Bronx, NY 10473, located within the geographical confines of Community School District 8. It currently serves students in grades nine through twelve. On December 10, 2010, the New York City Department of Education (DOE) published an educational impact statement ("EIS") describing a proposal to phase out and eventually close SCRL 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. This amended EIS corrects typographical errors, formatting, the 2010-2011 enrollment data for Bronx Bridges shown in the chart on the first page only, provides footnote information about YABCs and tenth grade admissions at SCRL, and clarifies the status of the pre-kindergarten program at P.S. 138, but does not modify or revise the proposal itself.

If approved, SCRL would no longer admit new ninth-grade students at the conclusion of the 2010-2011 school year. Current students will be supported as they progress towards graduation while remaining enrolled in SCRL. The school will serve one grade less in each subsequent year until it completes its phase out in June 2014. In cases where students do not complete graduation requirements by June 2014, the DOE will help students and families identify alternative programs or schools that meet students' needs so that they may continue their education after SCRL completes phasing out.

SCRL is located in the Adlai E. Stevenson building (X450) and is currently co-located with seven other schools:

School Name	DBN	2010-2011 Grades Served	2010-2011 Enrollment	Grades at Scale
Gateway	08X295	9-12	504	9-12
Pablo Neruda	08X305	9-12	385	9-12
Millennium	08X312	9-12	477	9-12
Pantoja Prep	08X376	6-9	407	6-12
Bronx Community	08X377	9-12	200	9-12
Bronx Bridges	08X432	9	81	9-12
Bronx Guild	08X452	9-12	306	9-12
SCRL	08X540	9-12	340	N/A

In 2009-2010, the X450 building had a target capacity to serve 3,355 students, and a target utilization rate of 77%. In 2010-2011 the eight schools within the building are projected to enroll a total of 2,700 students, of whom 2,391 are in grades 9 -12, which would yield a utilization rate of 80%. If this proposal is approved, the five fully phased-in schools located in the building would continue serving students at their current enrollment levels, while Bronx Bridges and Pantoja Prep would continue to add grades as they expand to full scale in 2013-2014. SCRL would no longer admit a new ninth grade at the end of this school year and would complete its phase out in June 2014. The DOE does not anticipate proposing any other new schools on the X450 campus at this time.

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

The amended 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 amended EIS is also available in the main offices of the School for Community Research and Learning, Gateway School for Environmental Research and Technology, Pablo Neruda Academy for Architecture and World Studies, Millennium Art Academy, Bronx Community High School, Bronx Guild, Bronx Bridges High School, and Antonia Pantoja Preparatory School.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to HS.Proposals@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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Address: 52 Chambers Street, New York, NY 10007
Email: HS.Proposals@schools.nyc.gov
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V. Date, time and place of joint public hearings for this proposal.

January 10, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.
School for Community Research and Learning
1980 Lafayette Avenue,
Bronx, NY 10473

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