Notice
December 16, 2010

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Chancellor

The Proposed Co-location of New School P.S. 354 (28Q354) with P.S. 30 (28Q030) in School Building Q030

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

The New York City Department of Education ("DOE") proposes to site a new zoned elementary school, P.S. 354 (28Q354, "P.S. 354") in school building Q030 ("Q030"), located at 126-10 Bedell Street, Jamaica, NY 11434, in Community School District 28. If this proposal is approved, P.S. 354 would be co-located with P.S. 30 in school building Q030 for three school years.

In a separate Educational Impact Statement ("EIS") that was also published on December 16, 2010, the DOE has proposed that P.S. 30 gradually phase-out because of its low performance. P.S. 30 is currently a zoned elementary school serving grades Kindergarten through 5 and offering a Pre-Kindergarten program. If that proposal is approved, P.S. 30 would no longer admit Pre-Kindergarten or Kindergarten students after the conclusion of the 2010-2011 school year and would no longer offer a Pre-Kindergarten program. Multiple grades would be phased out at P.S. 30 in the first year of phase-out (2011-2012), and one grade would be phased out in each of the following two years. During the 2011-2012 school year, P.S. 30 would only serve students in grades three, four and five. Students in grades Kindergarten through two would be served at the new P.S. 354, also located in Q030. Current fifth graders would apply to middle school via the Middle School Choice process as already anticipated. In 2012-2013, P.S. 30 would serve students in grades four and five. In 2013-14, P.S. 30 would serve grade five only. The school would close after June 2014.

P.S. 354 would open in Q030 as a zoned district elementary school serving the same zone as P.S. 30. In the 2011-2012 school year, P.S. 354 would serve 55-75 students in Kindergarten, 55-75 students in first grade and 75-95 students in second grade. P.S. 354 would then grow to serve 75-95 third graders in the 2012-2013 school year and 75-95 fourth graders in the 2013-2014 school year. P.S. 354 is expected to reach full scale in 2014-15 and would serve approximately 410-430 students in Kindergarten through fifth grade. Beginning in 2011-2012 and continuing in following years, P.S. 354 would serve 18 students in a full day Pre-Kindergarten program, pending funding availability.

P.S. 354 would be "co-located" with P.S.30 as P.S. 30 phases out. 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 P.S. 354 has completed its expansion and P.S. 30 has completed its phase-out, P.S. 354 will be the only school in Q030.

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 at P.S. 30.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D28Proposals@schools.nyc.gov.

Oral comments can be left at 212-374-7621

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 27, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.
P.S. 30 Queens
126-10 Bedell Street,
Jamaica, NY 11434

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.

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