



Notice
December 17, 2010

Joel I. Klein
Chancellor

The Proposed Phase-out of Monroe Academy for Business/Law High School (12X690)

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

Monroe Academy for Business/Law High School (12X690, “MABL”) is an existing high school located at 1300 Boynton Avenue, Bronx, NY 10472, within the geographical confines of Community School District 12. It currently serves students in grades nine through twelve. The New York City Department of Education (DOE) is proposing to phase out MABL 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.

MABL is located in building X420 and is currently co-located with Pan American International High School (12X388, “Pan American”), High School of World Cultures (12X550, “World Cultures”), Bronx Coalition Community High School (12X680, “Bronx Coalition”), and Monroe Academy for Visual Arts and Design (12X692, “MAVAD”). 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.

If this proposal is approved, MABL 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 at MABL. 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 MABL completes phasing out. The other schools located in X420 would continue serving their current students, with the exception of Bronx Coalition, which is in its last year of phase-out and will close at the end of the 2010-2011 school year. Pan American would continue to phase-in until it reaches its complete grade span of 9-12 in 2011-2012. As described in a separate Educational Impact Statement (EIS) posted on December 17, 2010, the DOE also has proposed co-locating a new high school, 12X521, which would begin phasing into the MABL campus with a ninth-grade class during the 2011-2012 school year. That school would continue growing to full scale as MABL High School phases out, and would complete its expansion during the 2014-2015 school year, at which point it would serve students in grades 9-12.

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>

Copies of the EIS are also available in the main offices of Pan American International High School, Bronx Coalition Community High School, High School of World Cultures, Monroe Academy for Business/Law, and Monroe Academy for Visual Arts & Design.

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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V. Date, time and place of joint public hearings for this proposal.

January 21, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.
James Monroe Educational Campus
1300 Boynton Avenue,
Bronx, NY 10472

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