



**Notice**  
December 17, 2010

**Joel I. Klein**  
*Chancellor*

## **The Proposed Co-location of a New Public Charter School, Success Academy Charter School, with Existing Schools in the Brandeis Educational Campus**

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

Success Charter Network, a Charter Management Organization that operates seven public charter schools in New York City, has been approved by its charter authorizer, SUNY, to open a new public charter school in Community School District 3 in Manhattan.

This is a proposal to site the new public charter school Success Academy Charter School (“SACS”) in the Brandeis Educational Campus, Building M470 (“M470” or the “Brandeis Campus”), where it would co-locate with Louis D. Brandeis High School (03M470, “Brandeis High School”), The Urban Assembly School for Green Careers (03M402, “Green Careers”), The Global Learning Collaborative (03M403, “Global Learning”), Innovation Diploma Plus (03M404, “Diploma Plus”), and Frank McCourt High School (03M417, “Frank McCourt”). A “co-location” means that two or more school organizations are located in the same building, often sharing large, common spaces like the auditorium, gymnasium, and cafeteria.

The Brandeis Campus is located at 145 West 84th Street, New York, NY, 10024 in Community School District 3. The Brandeis Campus currently houses five high schools. One of the five, Brandeis High School, is in the process of phasing out and is scheduled to close in June 2012.

The four other high schools are phasing into the Brandeis Campus. Green Careers is a Career and Technical Education demonstration school site that opened in September 2009 and currently serves grades nine and ten, with between 100-125 students per grade. Long term, it will serve grades nine through twelve. Global Learning opened in September 2009 and currently serves grades nine and ten, with between 100-125 students per grade. Long term, it will serve grades nine through twelve. Innovation Diploma Plus is a transfer high school that opened in September 2009, serving grades nine through twelve, with 150 overage and undercredited students. At scale, it will serve approximately 250 students. The Frank McCourt School is a screened school that has a particular focus on writing that opened in September 2010 with ninth grade and will serve grades nine through twelve, with between 100-125 students per grade.

The Brandeis Campus has been identified as an under-utilized building, meaning it currently has at least 300 seats available and will have at least 300 seats available within the next three years as Brandeis High School phases out. When each of the high schools at Brandeis Campus is at scale, the total high school enrollment in the building is expected to be 1,525-1,600 students, with the target capacity of the building being 2,148 students. Thus, there is sufficient space within the Brandeis Campus to house an additional school.

In 2011-2012, the first year of the proposed co-location, SACS would enroll students in Kindergarten and first grade. SACS would then add one grade of approximately 84 students each year until 2015-2016, when it would serve a total of approximately 481 students. Combined with the high schools, total enrollment at the Brandeis Campus with all schools at full scale would be approximately 2,000-2,100 students. Families residing in District 3 will be given preference for admission to SACS. The Department of Education (“DOE”) supports opening an additional Success Academy public charter school in District 3 as a way to increase access to high-quality schools for District 3 families.

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

The Educational Impact Statement can be found on the Department of Education’s web site: <http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2010-2011/Feb12011Proposals>.

**III. Submission of public comment.**

Written comments can be sent to [D03Proposals@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:D03Proposals@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 hearing for this proposal.**

To Be Determined  
6:00 p.m.  
Brandeis Educational Campus  
145 West 84<sup>th</sup> Street  
New York, NY, 10024

Questions about the proposal can 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