



**Notice**  
December 17, 2010

**Joel I. Klein**  
*Chancellor*

## **The Proposed Phase-out of I.S. 195 Roberto Clemente (05M195)**

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

I.S. 195 Roberto Clemente (05M195, “I.S. 195”) is an existing choice middle school located at 625 West 133 Street, Manhattan, 10027, in Community School District 5, in Building M195 (“M195”). It currently serves students in sixth through eighth grade. I.S. 195 is currently co-located with KIPP Infinity Charter School (84M336, “KIPP Infinity”) in building M195. 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. The New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) is proposing to phase out and eventually close I.S. 195 based on its poor performance and the DOE’s assessment that the school lacks capacity to turn around quickly to better support student needs.

If this phase-out proposal were approved, I.S. 195 would no longer admit sixth-grade students after the conclusion of the 2010-2011 school year. One grade would be phased out each subsequent year. During the 2011-2012 school year, I.S. 195 would serve students in grades seven and eight. In 2012-2013, I.S. 195 would serve students in grade eight. The school would close after June 2013.

I.S. 195 currently enrolls 400 students, with 74 sixth-grade, 126 seventh-grade and 200 eighth-grade students. KIPP Infinity currently enrolls 398 students in Kindergarten and grades five through eight, in M195, and serves students in grades 9 through 12 in a separate location. KIPP Infinity will serve Kindergarten through grade eight in M195 when at full scale.

In a separate, forthcoming Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”), the DOE intends to propose the co-location of a new school in M195, which would serve middle school students. In 2009-2010, M195 had a target capacity to serve 1,386 students. In that year, the high school grades of both KIPP Infinity and KIPP S.T.A.R. (84M726, “KIPP S.T.A.R.”) were also co-located in the building and the total combined enrollment was 1,038 students, yielding a building utilization of 75% of target capacity. As of November 1, 2010, I.S. 195 and KIPP Infinity had a combined enrollment of 798 students, yielding a building utilization of 58% of target capacity. The decrease in enrollment and utilization is driven by the fact that KIPP’s high school grades moved to the Mott Haven Educational Campus (building X790) in the South Bronx. This means that the building is “underutilized” and has extra space to accommodate additional students.

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

The 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 I.S. 195 and KIPP Infinity Charter School.

**III. Submission of public comment.**

Written comments can be sent to [D05Proposals@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:D05Proposals@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 hearings for this proposal.**

January 26, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.  
I.S. 195 Roberto Clemente  
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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