



Amended Notice
January 14, 2011

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Chancellor

The Proposed Phase-out of Metropolitan Corporate Academy High School (15K530)

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

Metropolitan Corporate Academy High School (15K530, “MCA”) is an existing high school located in the K806 building at 362 Schermerhorn Street, Brooklyn, NY 11217 within the geographical confines of Community School District 15. It currently serves students in grades nine through twelve. On December 17, 2010, the New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) published an Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) proposing to phase out MCA based on its poor performance and the DOE’s assessment that the school lacks capacity to turn around quickly to better support student needs. This amended EIS corrects typographical and formatting errors and adds a more detailed description of how the DOE calculates building target capacity and utilization.

If the proposal is approved, MCA 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 in MCA. 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 those students’ needs so that they may continue their high school education after MCA completes phasing out.

MCA is currently co-located with the Brooklyn School for Career Development (“75K753”, “SCD”), a District 75 high school. SCD currently enrolls District 75 students, students with disabilities, in grades 9-12. 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.

In 2009-2010, K806 had a target capacity of 419 students, and the building enrolled 461 students, yielding a utilization rate of 117% of target capacity. In 2010-2011, there are 390 students projected to be enrolled in the building, yielding an estimated utilization rate of 94% of target capacity. Regardless of whether this proposal is approved, the District 75 program, SCD, would continue serving its current students in Building K806. SCD students take classes in the K806 building, but many of the students participate in job training activities at work sites, so not all of the enrolled District 75 students are in the building at the same time.

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>

Copies of the amended EIS are also available in the main offices of MCA and SCD.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to HS.Proposals@schools.nyc.gov.

Oral comments can be left at 212-374-0208.

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 St
Email: HS.Proposals@schools.nyc.gov
Phone: 212-374-0208

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

January 18, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.
Metropolitan Corporate Academy High School
362 Schermerhorn Street
Brooklyn, NY 11217

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