



Amended Notice
January 28, 2011

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Chancellor

The Proposed Expansion of the Co-location of Harlem Success Academy 5 (84M482) with P.S. 123 Mahalia Jackson (05M123) in School Building M123

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

Harlem Success Academy 5 Charter School (84M482, “HSA 5”) is an existing public charter school located at 301 West 140th Street, New York, NY, 10030, in Community School District 5, in Building M123. It currently serves students in Kindergarten through first grade. HSA 5 is co-located with P.S. 123 Mahalia Jackson (05M123, “P.S. 123”), a zoned school which serves students in Kindergarten through eighth grade and offers a Pre-Kindergarten program. 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.

On April 20, 2010, the Panel for Educational Policy (“PEP”) approved the co-location of two grade levels of HSA 5 with P.S. 123 in M123. In the Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) describing that proposal, initially published on December 16, 2010 and re-published on January 28, 2011, the Department of Education (“DOE”) stated that it would assess the available space in M123 to determine whether there is sufficient space for HSA 5 to continue to add additional grades in M123. After conducting such an assessment, the DOE has determined that there is sufficient space for HSA 5 to add an additional grade level in M123. The DOE proposes to expand the co-location of HSA 5 so that it will serve grades K-2 in M123.

This amended notice is to advise you that the joint public hearing at P.S. 123 originally scheduled for Thursday, January 27, 2011 and not held due to inclement weather has been postponed. The hearing will not be considered by the Panel for Educational Policy on February 1, 2011, as initially scheduled. The DOE will issue a further notice as soon as the new hearing date has been determined.

If this proposal is approved, HSA 5 would enroll approximately 60-70 additional students, and the total enrollment for the school would be 249. P.S. 123’s enrollment in grades Kindergarten through eight would be approximately 670-680 students. P.S. 123 also has a Pre-Kindergarten program which enrolls 54 students. The combined total enrollment in the building would be approximately 973-983 students. In 2009-10, M123’s target capacity was 1,044. Thus, M123 has the capacity for HSA 5 to expand and for P.S. 123 to continue to serve Kindergarten through eighth grade students and offer a Pre-Kindergarten program with total building utilization of approximately 93-94% of target capacity.

If the DOE seeks to further extend the co-location of HSA 5 with P.S. 123 in the M123 building or make it a permanent site for all or some of HSA 5's grades, it would have to post a separate EIS detailing that proposal, seek approval from the PEP and comply with other relevant components of the Chancellor's Regulation A-190.

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>

A copy of the EIS is also available in the main offices of HSA 5 and P.S. 123.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to 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.

Name: Gentian Falstrom
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V. Date, time and place of joint public hearings for this proposal.

To Be Determined
Harlem Success Academy 5 / P.S. 123 Mahalia Jackson
301 W. 140th Street
New York, NY, 10030

Questions about the proposal should be directed as indicated in section IV above.

Further notice will be provided once the hearing date is re-scheduled. 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.

To Be Determined. Further notice will be provided once a vote date is finalized.