Notice
September 21, 2012

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Chancellor

The Proposed Co-location of a New Public Charter School, Success Academy Charter School – Manhattan 1 (84MTBD) with Existing Schools Gramercy Arts High School (02M374), High School for Language and Diplomacy (02M399), International High School at Union Square (02M438), Academy for Software Engineering (02M546), Union Square Academy for Health Sciences (02M533), and Washington Irving High School (02M460) in Building M460 in the 2013-2014 School Year

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

The New York City Department of Education ("DOE") is proposing to site the kindergarten through fifth grades of Success Academy Charter School – Manhattan 1 (84MTBD, "SA - Manhattan 1") in building M460 ("M460"), located at 40 Irving Place, New York, NY 10003 in Community School District 2. If this proposal is approved, SA - Manhattan 1 would open in September 2013 and would serve students in kindergarten and first grade, and would add one grade each year until it reaches full scale in M460 in 2017-2018.

SA - Manhattan 1 would be co-located indefinitely in M460 with Gramercy Arts High School (02M374, "Gramercy Arts"), an existing high school that serves students in grades nine through twelve; Washington Irving High School (02M460, "Washington Irving"), an existing high school that currently serves students in grades ten through twelve and is in the process of phasing out; High School for Language and Diplomacy (02M399, "Language and Diplomacy"), an existing high school that currently serves students in grades nine through twelve; International High School at Union Square (02M438, "International"), an existing high school that currently serves students in grades nine through eleven; Academy for Software Engineering (02M546, "AFSE"), an existing high school that currently serves students in grade nine; and Union Square Academy for Health Sciences (02M533, "USA"), an existing high school that currently serves students in grade nine. International, AFSE and USA are each currently phasing in and will gradually grow to full scale as they add a new grade of students annually. Gramercy Arts, Language and Diplomacy, International, AFSE and USA admit students through the Citywide High School Admissions Process. AFSE and USA offer Career and

Technical Education programs. Additional information about CTE programming and the High School Admissions Process are contained in Section III of the EIS. Each of the schools phasing in will serve students in grades nine through twelve at full scale. 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 addition, M460 houses a Young Adult Borough Center ("YABC"), and three Community Based Organizations ("CBOs"), Sleepy Hollow Preschool, Success Mentor, and FEGS Health and Human Services. This proposal is not expected to impact the continued siting of the CBOs or the YABC.

The phase-out of Washington Irving was approved by the Panel for Educational Policy ("PEP") on February 9, 2012. Washington Irving currently serves students in grades ten through twelve. It no longer admits new students and will close in June 2015.

SA - Manhattan 1 is a new public charter school that is authorized by its charter authorizer, the State University of New York Charter Schools Institute ("SUNY"), to serve grades K-5. Success Academy Charter Schools ("SACS") is a charter management organization that currently operates 12 public elementary charter schools in New York City. SACS has been authorized by SUNY to operate six new public elementary charter schools starting in 2013-2014, including SA - Manhattan 1. The four SACS elementary schools that received a progress report for the 2010-2011 school year each received an overall grade of A.

If this proposal is approved, SA - Manhattan 1 would open in September 2013 and would serve 164-210 students in kindergarten and first grade, and would add one grade each year until it reaches full scale in M460 in 2017-2018. At that time, SA - Manhattan 1 would serve approximately 470-602 students in kindergarten through fifth grade. The school would admit students via the charter lottery application process, with preference given to District 2 residents, and a set aside, described in more detail in Section III of the EIS, for English Language Learners.

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

The Educational Impact Statement ("EIS") and Building Utilization Plan ("BUP") can be found on the Department of Education's Web site:
http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2012-2013/Nov2012Proposals

Copies of the EIS and BUP are also available in the main offices of Washington Irving, Gramercy Arts, Language and Diplomacy, International, AFSE, and USA.

II. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D02Proposals@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.

Thursday, November 1 at 6:00 p.m.
Washington Irving Campus
40 Irving Place
New York, NY 10003

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.

VI. Date, time and place of the Panel for Educational Policy meeting at which the Panel will vote on the proposed item.

November 8, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.
Frank Sinatra School of the Arts
35-12 35th Avenue
Astoria, NY 11106