



**Notice**  
September 24, 2012

**Dennis M. Walcott**  
*Chancellor*

## **The Proposed Grade Truncation of P.S. 202 Ernest S. Jenkyns (19K202) from K-8 to K-5 Beginning in 2013-2014**

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

P.S. 202 Ernest S. Jenkyns (19K202, “P.S. 202”) is an existing school located in school buildings K202 (“K202”) and K958 (“K958”), at 982 Hegeman Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11208, in Community School District 19. In addition to the main K202 building, P.S. 202’s students are also served in transportable class units (K958, “TCUs”) that are located adjacent to K202. P.S. 202 currently serves students in kindergarten through eighth grade and offers a full-day pre-kindergarten program. P.S. 202 serves zoned kindergarten through fifth grade students, while sixth through eighth grade students are admitted through the District 19 Middle School Choice process. P.S. 202 is the only school organization housed in K202 and K958.

The New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) is proposing to implement a gradual “grade truncation” of P.S. 202’s middle school grade levels. If this proposal is approved, following the 2012-2013 school year, P.S. 202 will no longer enroll sixth grade students, while students currently in the sixth and seventh grades will continue at the school for seventh and eighth grade, provided they meet promotional requirements. All current eighth grade students who meet promotional standards will apply to high school through the Citywide High School Admissions Process and enter ninth grade, as planned, in September of 2013.

During the 2013-2014 school year, P.S. 202 will serve students in kindergarten through fifth grade and seventh and eighth grade. During the 2014-2015 school year, P.S. 202 will serve students in kindergarten through fifth grade and eighth grade. After the last class of eighth grade students graduates in June 2015, P.S. 202 will no longer serve any middle school grades. In each of those two years, there may be students who do not meet promotional standards and are required to repeat a grade that the school will no longer serve. The Office of Student Enrollment will work with those families to determine an appropriate placement in the students’ districts of residence. As per Chancellor’s Regulation A-101, these students will have a priority to their zoned school or may be placed in another school in their district of residence. In the unlikely event that there are enough hold-over students in a discontinued grade to maintain a class section, it is anticipated that P.S. 202 will offer that grade to those hold-over students for an additional year.

As is the current case, eighth-grade students in the next two school years who meet promotional standards will apply to high school through the High School Admissions Process. The DOE does

not anticipate that the proposed truncation of P.S. 202 will affect its pre-kindergarten program.

The principal of P.S. 202 initiated this proposal to truncate in February 2012 through the submission of a Letter of Intent (“LOI”) to the Division of Portfolio Planning (“Portfolio”). Truncating P.S. 202’s middle school grades will allow for the school to more fully focus on serving its kindergarten through fifth grade students.

In a separate Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) posted in September 2012, the DOE is proposing to open and “co-locate” a new public charter school, Achievement First Aspire Charter School (84KTBD, “AF Aspire”), with P.S. 202 in buildings K202 and K958. AF Aspire will serve students in kindergarten through fifth grade, and intends to expand to serve students in kindergarten through eighth grade.

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

The Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) 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 are also available in P.S. 202’s main office.

## **III. Submission of public comment.**

Written comments can be sent to [D19Proposals@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:D19Proposals@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: Gabrielle Wyatt  
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Email: [D19Proposals@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:D19Proposals@schools.nyc.gov)  
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## **V. Date, time and place of joint public hearings for this proposal.**

October 25, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.  
P.S. 202 Ernest S. Jenkyns  
982 Hegeman Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11208

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 PM  
Frank Sinatra School of the Arts  
35-12 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Astoria, NY 11106