



Notice
September 24, 2012

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Chancellor

The Proposed Co-location of a New Public Charter School Success Academy Charter School Brooklyn 7 (84KTBD) with Existing School Brownsville Academy High School (17K568) in Building K907 Beginning in 2013-2014

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 Success Academy Charter School Brooklyn 7 (84KTBD, “SA - Brooklyn 7”), a new public charter school that will serve students in kindergarten through fifth grade in building K907 (“K907”), located at 1150 East New York Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11212, in Community School District 17 beginning in 2013-2014. SA - Brooklyn 7 would be co-located in K907 with Brownsville Academy, an existing transfer high school that serves students in tenth through twelfth grades. 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. K907 also houses two CBOs, the New York City Mission Society and Camba.

SA - Brooklyn 7 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 - Brooklyn 7. The four SACS elementary schools that received a Progress Report for the 2010-2011 school year received an overall grade of an A.

If this proposal is approved, SA - Brooklyn 7 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 2017-2018. At that time, SA - Brooklyn 7 would serve approximately 434-556 students in kindergarten through fifth grade. The school would admit students via the charter lottery application process, with preference given to District 17 residents, and a set aside, described in more detail below, for English Language Learners (“ELL”).

K907 has been identified as an under-utilized building. K907 has the capacity to serve 503 students, but in 2012-2013, Brownsville Academy is only projected to serve 225 students. This yields a building utilization rate of approximately 45%, which demonstrates that the building is

“underutilized” and has space to accommodate additional students. In 2017-2018, K907 would serve 644-796 students between SA - Brooklyn 7 and Brownsville Academy combined, which yields a projected utilization rate of 128%- 158%. Although a utilization rate in excess of 100% may suggest that a building will be over-utilized or over-crowded in a given year, this rate does not account for the fact that rooms may be programmed for more efficient or different uses than the standard assumptions in the utilization calculation. The School Construction Authority ("SCA") estimates that building K907 will have a target building capacity of 658 once SA - Brooklyn 7 has fully phased into the building and the building is programmed more efficiently. Using SCA’s updated target capacity for the building would result in a projected utilization rate of 98%-121% once SA - Brooklyn 7 is fully phased into the building.

The DOE supports SA – Brooklyn 7’s placement in District 17 and anticipates that it will provide excellent educational opportunities for students.

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 Brownsville Academy’s main office.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D17Proposals@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.

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

October 30, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.
K907 Building
1150 East New York Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11212

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 35th Avenue
Astoria, NY 11106