Amended Revised Notice
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Chancellor

Amended Revised: The Proposed Co-location of a New Public Charter School, Success Academy Charter School – Manhattan 2 (84MTBD), with Existing Schools Business of Sports School (02M393), Urban Assembly Gateway School for Technology (02M507), and High School of Graphic Communication Arts (02M625) in Building M625 in the 2013-2014 School Year

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

On September 21, 2012, the New York City Department of Education ("DOE") issued an Educational Impact Statement ("EIS") and Building Utilization Plan ("BUP") proposing to site the kindergarten through fifth grades of Success Academy Charter School – Manhattan 2 (84MTDB, "SA-Manhattan 2") in building M625 ("M625"), located at 439 West 49th Street, New York, NY 10019 in Community School District 2, and to co-locate SA - Manhattan 2 with Business of Sports School (02M393, "BOSS"), an existing high school that serves students in grades nine through twelve; High School of Graphic Communication Arts (02M625, "Graphics"), an existing high school that serves students in grades nine through twelve; Urban Assembly Gateway School for Technology (02M507, "Gateway"), an existing high school that currently serves students in grades nine through ten, and an Alternate Learning Center (88M992, "ALC"), which provides an educational setting for students in grades nine through twelve who are on a Superintendent's suspension for up to 90 days. 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 September 25, 2012, the DOE substantially revised this proposal in response to public input. This revised EIS corrected performance data listed in Section III.A and in Section IV and changed the reference to Urban Assembly Gateway School for Technology's colloquial name. In addition, the proposed shared space plan in the attached BUP was revised with respect to the building's three physical education spaces.

The revised BUP has now been amended to clarify SA – Manhattan 2's use of a multi-purpose room and the effect of that use on the revised proposed shared space plan. This amended revised EIS updates references to the amended revised BUP and corrects a typographical error on school enrollment ranges in Section II, but does not significantly revise the proposal.

If this proposal is approved, SA - Manhattan 2 would be co-located in M625 with BOSS, an existing high school that serves students in grades nine through twelve; Graphics, an existing high school that serves students in grades nine through twelve and is gradually scaling back its enrollment; and Gateway, an existing high school that currently serves students in grades nine through ten and is in the process of phasing in, gradually growing to full scale as it adds a new grade of students annually. Gateway will serve students in grades nine through twelve when it reaches full scale in 2014-2015. In addition, M625 houses an Alternate Learning Center (88M992, "ALC"), which provides an educational setting for students in grades nine through twelve who are on a Superintendent's suspension for up to 90 days. 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, M625 houses two Community Based Organizations ("CBOs"), SPARK Drug Prevention and the Association of Progressive Dominicans. This proposal is not expected to impact the continued siting of the CBOs.

SA - Manhattan 2 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 2.

If this proposal is approved, SA - Manhattan 2 would open in September 2013, serving 164-210 students in kindergarten and first grade, and would add one grade each year until it reached full scale in 2017-2018. At that time, SA - Manhattan 2 would serve approximately 412-528 students in kindergarten through fifth grade. The school would admit students via its charter lottery application process, with preference given to District 2 residents, and a set aside, described in more detail in Section III in the amended revised EIS, for English Language Learners.

According to the 2010-2011 Enrollment, Capacity and Utilization Report (the "Blue Book"), M625 has the capacity to serve 2,139 students. Currently, the building serves 1912 students, yielding a building utilization rate of 89%. If this proposal is approved, the building would serve approximately 2,222 – 2,528 students and have a utilization rate of 104% - 118% in 2017-2018 when all schools, including SA - Manhattan 2, are at full scale. As discussed in Section III.B of the amended revised EIS and in the amended revised BUP, while the anticipated utilization rate is in excess of 100%, as detailed in the amended revised BUP, all schools will receive space that meets their instructional needs, and the building has space to accommodate Graphics, BOSS, Gateway, and K-5 grades of SA - Manhattan 2.

As mentioned above, SACS currently operates a total of 12 public elementary charter schools in Manhattan, Brooklyn, and the Bronx. The DOE supports opening an additional

SACS public charter school in District 2 as a way to increase access to high-quality schools for District 2 families and to provide an additional elementary school option. Families residing in District 2 will be given preference for admission to SA - Manhattan 2. SACS schools have a strong track record of academic achievement: each of the four SACS elementary schools that received a Progress Report in 2010-2011 earned an overall grade of A, and earned A grades in each of the three subsections: Student Performance, Student Progress, and School Environment.

II. Identification of all revisions, including substantial revisions to the original item

The amended revised EIS includes the following modifications:

- Corrected performance data in Section IV
- Changed colloquial name for Urban Assembly Gateway School for Technology
- Reflects amendments and revisions applied to the amended revised BUP

The amended revised BUP includes the following modifications:

- Updates proposed shared space plan for M625's three physical education spaces
- Clarifies SA – Manhattan 2's use of a multi-purpose room and the effect of that use on the revised proposed shared space plan

III. Summary of all public comment regarding the original proposal received to date

Interested parties had an opportunity to provide input on the proposal.

1. Principal Joshua Solomon of BOSS stated that:
    a. A proposed shared space plan that allocated time in all three physical education spaces for all three high school organizations in M625 would be preferred.
    b. Performance data was not aligned for BOSS or Graphics.
2. Principal April Mckoy of Gateway stated that:
    a. The colloquial name preferred by Urban Assembly Gateway School for Technology is "Gateway" or "UA Gateway."

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

The amended revised EIS and amended revised 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 amended revised EIS and amended revised BUP are also available in main office of Business of Sports School, Urban Assembly Gateway School for Technology, and the High School of Graphic Communication Arts.

V. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D02Proposals@schools.nyc.gov
Oral comments can be left at 212-374-3466

VI. 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:	Jennifer Peng
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Email:	D02Proposals@schools.nyc.gov
Phone:	212-374-3466

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

November 2, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.
Building M625
439 West 49th Street
New York, NY 10019

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.

VIII. 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