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**NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF  
EDUCATION - DIVISION OF  
PORTFOLIO PLANNING**

**Opening and Co-Location of K Annex  
for P.S. 19 in Q269**

**November 18, 2013**

**5:30pm**

1 [START RECORDING]

2 MS. MADELENE CHAN: Good evening, everyone.  
3 Good evening. Thank you so much for being here  
4 for the joint public hearing. My name is  
5 Madelene Chan, I'm superintendent of District  
6 24. This is a joint public hearing of the  
7 Department of Education, Community Education  
8 Council and School Leadership Team for the  
9 proposed re-siting and co-location of a portion  
10 of one grade level of P.S. 19, the Marino  
11 Jeantet 24Q19 with P.S. 211 in building Q269  
12 beginning in the 2013/2014 school year.

13 I see we have a translator here. Is the  
14 case okay? It's okay? We have asked the  
15 District 24 Community Education Council and the  
16 School Leadership Team for P.S. 19 as well as  
17 representatives for P.S. 211 to participate in  
18 this joint public hearing. I'm joined tonight  
19 by Principal Donna Estra P.S. 211. Where are  
20 you, Ms. Estra? Thank you.

21 And assistant principal Yvette Cassado-Faya  
22 [phonetic] from P.S. 19. I'm also joined  
23 tonight by Ms. Maria Quiroz, PTA president and  
24 member of the P.S. 19 SLT, and the CEC 24  
25 representative, Mr. Bill Kregler. This hearing

1 is being recorded.

2 The purpose of this hearing is for you to  
3 provide comments about the proposal. Before I  
4 describe the proposal, I want to make sure you  
5 are all aware of the opportunity to provide  
6 input. All those who wish to speak must sign up  
7 in the speaker signup area located just outside  
8 the auditorium. The sign up lists will be  
9 closed in 15 minutes.

10 Speakers will be given the floor in the  
11 order that they signed up. All comments are  
12 limited to two minutes. There may be elected  
13 officials who arrive at different times  
14 throughout the evening. If they wish to speak,  
15 we will do our best to accommodate them at the  
16 first opportune moment. Those who are here at  
17 the start of the public comment segment will be  
18 asked to speak first.

19 All comments will be mentioned in the  
20 analysis of public comment to be published and  
21 provided to the Panel for Educational Policy the  
22 evening before the panel votes. That vote is  
23 scheduled for November 26, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at  
24 the High School of Fashion Industries, and that  
25 is located at 225 West 24th Street in Manhattan.

1           In addition, we welcome any comments and  
2 feedback you may have at any time before the  
3 panel votes on this proposal. The email address  
4 and phone number where comments may be made are  
5 D24proposal@schools.nyc.gov. The phone number  
6 is (212) 374-7621.

7           Now I will describe the proposal summary.  
8 On June 17, 2013, the Chancellor of the New York  
9 City Department of Education issued an emergency  
10 declaration to re-site and co-locate a portion  
11 of the incoming kindergarten grade P.S. 19 with  
12 P.S. 211 in building Q269 for a period of six  
13 months. Building Q269 is located at 8637 53rd  
14 Avenue, Queens, New York, 11373. Within the  
15 geographical confines of community school  
16 district 24. On October 11, the DOE issued a  
17 proposal to extend the co-location beyond  
18 December 17th, 2013.

19           A co-location means that two or more school  
20 organizations are located in the same building  
21 and may share common spaces like auditoriums,  
22 gymnasiums and cafeterias. Several elementary  
23 schools in the - - neighborhood of district 24  
24 in Queens currently enroll more students than  
25 their targeted capacity levels. Where possible,

1 the DOE aims to utilize available space in  
2 other local school buildings to alleviate  
3 overcrowding. In June 2013, it was determined  
4 that P.S. 19 could not accommodate all of its  
5 zoned kindergarten students in building Q19 for  
6 the 2013/2014 school year. In addition, there  
7 was several other schools that could not  
8 accommodate their zoned kindergarten students,  
9 so the reciting and co-location of a portion of  
10 the kindergarten of P.S. 19 with P.S. 211 became  
11 necessary in order to provide a sufficient  
12 number of kindergarten seats in district 24.

13 P.S. 19 is a zoned elementary school that is  
14 serving students in kindergarten through fifth  
15 grade during the 2013/2014 school year. P.S.  
16 211 is a new, unzoned elementary school that  
17 currently serves kindergarten students from the  
18 Corona Elkhurst [phonetic] neighborhoods. If  
19 this proposal is approved, a portion of P.S.  
20 19's kindergarten will continue to co-locate  
21 with P.S. 211 for the 2013/2014 school year and  
22 beyond.

23 Q269 has the capacity to accommodate a  
24 portion of P.S. 19's kindergarten and P.S. 211,  
25 as P.S. 211 continues to phase in. In

1 2018/2019, once P.S. 211 has reached their full  
2 scale, and P.S. 19 continues to serve a portion  
3 of its kindergarteners in Q269, there will be  
4 approximately 435 to 505 total students  
5 collectively served in the building.

6 The projected utilization rate for Q269 at  
7 that point is approximately 102 to 118%. The  
8 proposed re-siting and co-location is not  
9 expected to impact instructional programing or  
10 the admissions process at P.S. 19 or P.S. 211.

11 So that is basically the summary of the  
12 proposal. At this time, I would like to ask any  
13 of the panel members if they would like to  
14 speak. Mr. Kregler? Principal Estra?  
15 Comments? Comments? Okay. Do we have anyone  
16 that's signed in to talk?

17 I'd like Labrato [phonetic] Reyes, please  
18 come to the microphone. Ms. Reyes has something  
19 to say. We welcome all feedback. I just want  
20 to say that if you did not sign in, I want to  
21 reiterate how important comments and feedback  
22 are. So please, either the email to  
23 d24proposal, or the phone call. If you'd like  
24 to share your feedback. Ms. Reyes?

25 MS. REYES: I signed up my daughter to 217.

1 We have the same problem, there wasn't capacity  
2 for her there, not enough room, and it's very  
3 far where they've sent us, all of us. Because  
4 we have a school a block away from the house,  
5 now we have to drive very far. And the boys are  
6 not safe in the bus because they don't give them  
7 somebody to accompany them. 217 has added on  
8 100 - - in the school.

9 MS. CHAN: So this parent is very concerned.  
10 She has a similar problem. I'm going to advise  
11 at this time she speak to - - .

12 So this seems like an individual situation.  
13 Our parent district family advisor here, parent  
14 advocate. So if you speak to her, she can write  
15 down the concern, and we can help you.

16 MS. REYES: [Speaking foreign language] we  
17 organized - - solution to give - - the kids  
18 because - - .

19 MS. CHAN: So I want to be very respectful.  
20 This forum is to receive feedback on this  
21 proposal, okay? But we can definitely help you  
22 if you please meet with Ms. Mackleby [phonetic].

23 MS. REYES: [Translator off mic] --same  
24 thing is happening to - - .

25 MS. CHAN: I understand. Okay. So she, she

1 is not in favor of the proposal.

2 MS. REYES: - - .

3 MS. CHAN: Okay. I see. We are taking that  
4 feedback. - - ? Thank you, Ms. Reyes. Thank  
5 you so much. You can still speak to Ms.  
6 Mackleby if you want. Violeto Marino. Hello.

7 MS. VIOLETO MARINO: As a comment, I want to  
8 ask if our kids, from kindergarten to fifth,  
9 they're always going to be here, or is our  
10 district--the district going to put them in the  
11 area where they belong for the first grade?

12 MS. CHAN: Yes, 211 is going to phase in  
13 through fifth grade. Yes. Ms. - - , do you  
14 want to respond to this question, when the phase  
15 in will stop at 211, and where this will go?

16 MS. AVIS: I think what she's saying is  
17 she's zoned to 307. They have the right to  
18 return to 307 for 1st grade if there is room  
19 there. They also have the right to remain here  
20 if they choose.

21 MS. MARINO: How will we know if we can - -  
22 ? Do I have to sign her up again?

23 MS. AVIS: No, P.S. 307 will contact her if  
24 they have the room.

25 MS. MARINO: What if it's a lot of kids? Do

1 they just pick them randomly?

2 MS. AVIS: There's a waitlist in numbered  
3 order.

4 MS. MARINO: And if not, then they finish  
5 fifth grade here?

6 MS. AVIS: Each year they have the  
7 opportunity to return to their zoned school if  
8 they choose. I think she should speak to the  
9 district family advocate.

10 MS. MARINO: Only if there's space?

11 MS. AVIS: Correct. She should speak to the  
12 family district advocate to get more  
13 information, and to leave her name. Yes, thank  
14 you. So we can do it. Just ask her to wait  
15 until the meeting ends, a few minutes.

16 MS. CHAN: So ladies and gentlemen, there  
17 were only two names on the speaker list. I  
18 would ask just one more time if anybody else  
19 would like to speak, has a comment or feedback.

20 FEMALE VOICE: I want to ask about the  
21 kindergarten. The kids that are in kindergarten  
22 now, do they stay till fifth grade, or can they  
23 go to P.S. 19?

24 MS. AVIS: [Off mic]

25 FEMALE VOICE: I think she's asking about

1 kindergarten students for P.S. 19.

2 Kindergarten students for P.S. 19 will return to  
3 their building for first grade. That's what I  
4 think she said. I think that's what she was  
5 asking.

6 [Crosstalk]

7 FEMALE VOICE: - - for first grade, so  
8 what's going to happen to them?

9 MS. CHAN: Thank you for being such a good  
10 audience. The SLT rep is asking if you have a  
11 student at the annex for P.S. 19 for  
12 kindergarten, what happens next year? Next  
13 year, the kindergarten students from 19 are  
14 going to go back to P.S. 19 for first grade.  
15 The concern is the overcrowded condition at P.S.  
16 19, and that really has to be answered on an  
17 individual basis. So we are going to meet after  
18 this meeting, but if anyone else has any  
19 comments--yes, sir?

20 MALE VOICE: [Off mic]

21 MS. CHAN: I can.

22 MALE VOICE: [Off mic]

23 MS. CHAN: Correct.

24 MR. RICHARD BURKE: Hi, my name is Richard  
25 Burke. I'm on the School Leadership Team at

1 P.S. 19. And my question is, it looks like  
2 the projection is that even after 2018, the  
3 kindergarten enrollment will remain the same  
4 forever. Is that expected to change? Is that  
5 the way it looks?

6 MS. CHAN: The answer that I can give you  
7 right now is that if the PEP does approve this  
8 proposal, this building can be an annex for P.S.  
9 19. Correct. As of right now, that's the best  
10 answer I can give right now.

11 MR. BILL PREP: Good evening, everyone My  
12 name is Bill Prep. I sit on the CEC, the  
13 Community Education Council. I have the fortune  
14 or misfortune of being on it since its inception  
15 over ten years ago. This district, district 24,  
16 I think is the most populated one and the most  
17 overcrowded in the city. We have put six new  
18 locations in the - - area, - - , and I'd like to  
19 say that we're catching up, and I'm sorry to say  
20 we're not catching up. Hopefully we're keeping  
21 up because each year, there's more and more  
22 people into this city. It's a gift. We try our  
23 best, and I assure you, there's not a stone that  
24 has not been unturned, not a building that has  
25 not been looked at. Due to situations, issues,

1 some - - , we look at every location, looked  
2 at this school itself. This was a - - school.  
3 We've taken every site that we possibly can.

4 I assure you that we try our best. We might  
5 fall short, but it's not from a lack of effort.  
6 And thank you - - words with you.

7 MS. CHAN: So at this time, the speaker list  
8 is exhausted. I remind you that we welcome any  
9 comments and feedback that you may have at any  
10 time before the Panel for Educational Policy  
11 votes for this proposal, which will be on  
12 November 26, 2013. That's next week. The email  
13 address and phone number again where comments  
14 can be made, d24proposals@schools.nyc.gov. And  
15 the phone number is (212) 374-7621. I thank  
16 everyone for their participation. The joint  
17 public hearing is now closed.

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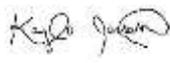
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