



**Department of  
Education**

*Carmen Fariña, Chancellor*

**Notice**

December 15, 2014

## **The Proposed Co-location of Academic Leadership Charter School (84X491) Grades 5-8 with P.S. 277 (07X277) in Building X027 Beginning in the 2015-2016 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 co-locate grades five through eight of Academic Leadership Charter School (84X491, “ALCS”) in building X027 (“X027”) beginning in the 2015-2016 school year. X027 is located at 519 Saint Anns Avenue, Bronx, New York 10455, within Community School District 7 (“District 7”). Currently, ALCS’s grades kindergarten through four are housed in building X065, located at 677 East 141 Street, Bronx, New York 10454, and grades five and six are housed in private space (building XAEI), located at 500 Courtlandt Avenue, Bronx, New York 10451. Both buildings are within the geographical confines of District 7. If this proposal is approved, beginning in the 2015-2016 school year, ALCS students in grades five and six will no longer attend classes in private space. Instead, they will attend classes in X027, where ALCS will be co-located with P.S. 277 (07X277, “P.S. 277”), a district elementary school serving grades kindergarten through five and offering a pre-kindergarten program. Additionally, if this proposal is approved, ALCS will phase in to serve grades seven and eight at X027. Building X027 is located approximately 0.5 miles from ALCS’s current private space and in close proximity to public transportation; therefore, the DOE does not anticipate that this co-location will create any travel hardships for students and families enrolled in the school. A “co-location” means that two or more school organizations are located in the same building and may share common spaces like auditoriums, gymnasiums, libraries, and cafeterias.

The DOE believes that this proposal will benefit the District 7 community by providing an additional educational option for families. If approved, this proposal will enable current ALCS students the opportunity to continue their educational program at the school through the eighth grade.

Pursuant to recent amendments to the Education Law which provide certain new and expanding charter schools with access to facilities, ALCS requested co-located space within a DOE facility in District 7.

ALCS currently serves kindergarten through sixth grade students and has plans to serve students in kindergarten through eighth grade. If this proposal is approved, beginning in the 2015-2016 school year, grades five, six, and seven of ALCS will be co-located in X027 with existing district elementary school P.S. 277. ALCS will add eighth grade in X027 in the 2016-2017 school year.

ALCS offers a curriculum that satisfies all New York State Standards, including an extended day which provides its students with four periods of literacy daily.

According to the 2013-2014 Enrollment, Capacity, Utilization Report (“Blue Book”), X027 has a target capacity to serve 851 students. The building serves approximately 468 students in the 2014-2015 school year, yielding a building utilization rate of 55%. This means that the building is “under-utilized” and has space to accommodate additional students. If this proposal is approved, in 2015-2016, ALCS will serve approximately 160-175 fifth, sixth and seventh grade students and P.S. 227 will serve 444-504 students in grades kindergarten through five and pre-kindergarten, yielding a projected utilization rate of 71%-80%. In 2016-2017, when ALCS adds the eighth grade, the building will serve approximately 669 –749 students and have a projected utilization rate of 79%–88%. ALCS’s enrollment will not stabilize until the 2018-2019 school year when they will have consistent cohort sizes in all grades. In the 2018-2019 school year, ALCS will serve 200-220 students in fifth through eighth grade. At that time, the building will serve approximately 674-754 students and will have an estimated utilization rate of 79% - 89%. Therefore, the building has sufficient space to accommodate ALCS and P.S. 277.

## **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/2014-2015/January2015SchoolProposals>.

Copies of the EIS and BUP are also available in the main offices of P.S. 277 and ALCS.

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

Written comments can be sent to [D07Proposals@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:D07Proposals@schools.nyc.gov).

Oral comments can be left at 212-374-5159.

## **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.**

January 21, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Building X277

P.S. 277

519 St. Anns Avenue

Bronx, NY 10455

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.**

January 29, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Taft Educational Campus

240 East 172 Street

Bronx, NY 10457