



Notice
December 22, 2014

Amended: The Proposed Expansion of Success Academy Charter School Bed-Stuy 1 (84K367) in Building K033 with The School for the Urban Environment (14K330), Foundations Academy (14K322), and a District 75 Program (75K368), Beginning in the 2015-2016 School Year

I. Description of the subject, purpose and substance of the proposal.

On December 15, 2014, the New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) issued an Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) describing a proposal to expand the grades served by Success Academy Charter School - Bed-Stuy 1 (84K367, “SA Bed-Stuy 1”) in Building K033 (“K033”) to include grade five beginning in the 2015-2016 school year. SA Bed-Stuy 1 is a charter school currently serving students in kindergarten through grade four in K033, located at 70 Tompkins Avenue, Brooklyn NY 11206, in Community School District 14 (“District 14”). SA Bed-Stuy 1 is currently co-located in K033 with The School for the Urban Environment (14K330, “Urban Environment”), a district middle school; Foundations Academy (14K322, “Foundations Academy”), a district high school; and a District 75 program (75K368, “P368K@I033K”) that serves students in grades six through twelve.

The grade expansion of SA Bed-Stuy 1 in K033 is intended to support the educational continuity of students currently enrolled in SA Bed-Stuy 1. If this proposal is approved, SA Bed-Stuy 1’s fourth-grade students who are eligible for promotion will have the opportunity to remain in SA Bed-Stuy 1 at K033 for fifth grade beginning in 2015-2016.

The EIS has been amended to revise the statement regarding Success Academy Charter Schools’ (“SACS”) operation of schools throughout New York City; to include that SACS has advised that SA Bed-Stuy 1 has applied to provide a preference for English Language Learner students on its admissions lottery; to provide corrected information concerning SA Bed-Stuy 1’s grade span; and to correct a typographical error.

Pursuant to recent amendments to the Education Law which provide certain new and expanding charter schools with access to facilities, SA Bed-Stuy 1 made a co-location request to the DOE for space in District 14 for its fifth through eighth grades. Although SA Bed-Stuy 1 requested space for its fifth through eighth grades, at this time the DOE is proposing to site SA Bed-Stuy 1’s fifth grade only at K033.

SACS is a charter management organization that currently operates elementary, middle and high schools, including SA Bed-Stuy 1, in New York City. SA Bed-Stuy 1 is a charter school that opened in the 2011-2012 school year, is currently serving students in grades kindergarten through four, and plans to expand to serve students in grades kindergarten through twelve. The school’s charter was authorized in October 2010 by The State University of New York Trustees.

In a revised EIS posted on May 26, 2011, the DOE proposed the siting and co-location of SA Bed-Stuy 1’s kindergarten through fourth grades at K033. The EIS also stated that the DOE would consider long-

term options to accommodate the anticipated growth of SA Bed-Stuy 1. On June 27, 2011, the Panel for Educational Policy (“PEP”) approved the siting and co-location of SA Bed-Stuy 1’s kindergarten through fourth grades at K033.

Additionally, Foundations Academy is part of the School Renewal Program, which will result in the school becoming a community school. This proposal will not impact the school’s participation in the School Renewal Program. If this proposal is approved by the PEP, the DOE will continue to work closely with the Foundations Academy community to ensure all students receive the individualized support they need.

According to the 2013-2014 Enrollment, Capacity, Utilization Report (“Blue Book”), K033 has a target capacity of 1,019 students. (The concept of “target capacity” is explained in the Amended EIS in Section II.) During the 2014-2015 school year, K033 is serving approximately 683 students, yielding a utilization rate of approximately 67%. Consequently, K033 is currently “under-utilized,” and has excess space to accommodate additional students. If this proposal is approved, in 2015-2016, when SA Bed-Stuy 1 expands to serve fifth grade students at K033, there will be approximately 690-860 students in the building served by all three schools and P368K@I033K, yielding a projected utilization rate of approximately 68%-84%, which demonstrates that there is sufficient space for all school organizations.

SA Bed-Stuy 1 will continue to use shared spaces with Urban Environment, Foundations Academy, and P368K@I033K. As set forth in the Building Utilization Plan (“BUP”) that accompanies this proposal, there is sufficient space in the building to accommodate this expansion.

II. Information regarding where the full text of the proposal may be obtained.

The Amended EIS and BUP can be found on the DOE’s website:
<http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2014-2015/January2015SchoolProposals>

Copies of the Amended EIS and BUP are also available in the main offices of Urban Environment, Foundations Academy, P368K@I033K, and SA Bed-Stuy 1.

III. Submission of public comment regarding the proposal.

Written comments can be submitted via email to: D14Proposals@schools.nyc.gov.

Oral comments can be left by phone at 212-374-0208.

IV. The name, office, address, e-mail address and telephone number of the city district representative knowledgeable on proposal from whom information may be obtained concerning the proposal.

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

January 21, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.
Building K033
70 Tompkins Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11206

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.

VII. Date, time and place of the PEP meeting at which the PEP will vote on the proposal.

January 29, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.
The Taft Educational Campus
240 East 172nd Street
Bronx, NY 10457