



Amended Notice
January 26, 2015

**Department of
Education**

Carmen Fariña, Chancellor

The Proposed Co-location of the High School Grades of Achievement First Bushwick (84K538) and the High School Grades of Achievement First East New York (84K358) with Existing Schools I.S. 347 School of Humanities (32K347) and I.S. 349 Math, Science and Tech. (32K349) in Building K111 Beginning in 2015-2016

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

On December 15, 2014 The New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) issued a proposal to co-locate the high school grades of Achievement First Bushwick Charter School (84K538, “AF Bushwick”) and the high school grades of Achievement First East New York Charter School (84K358, “AF East New York”) in building K111 (“K111”) with two existing middle schools beginning in the 2015-2016 school year. K111 is located at 35 Starr Street, Brooklyn, NY 11221, in Community School District 32 (“District 32”). The combined high school grades of AF Bushwick and AF East New York function as one high school under the name of Achievement First University Prep Charter High School (“AF University Prep”). Under this proposal, AF University Prep would be co-located at K111 with I.S. 347 School of Humanities (32K347, “I.S. 347”) and I.S. 349 Math, Science and Tech. (32K349, “I.S. 349”). K111 also provides space to Beacon, a community-based organization.

The DOE has amended this notice to reflect the the new location of the January PEP meeting which will be the High School for Fashion Industries, located at 225 West 24th Street, New York, NY 10011. No changes have been made to the Educational Impact Statement or Building Utilization Plan posted by the DOE on December 15, 2014. Details on how to submit public comment can be found in section III of this notice.

Additionally, I.S. 349 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 Panel for Educational Policy (“PEP”), the DOE will continue to work closely with the I.S. 349 community to ensure all students receive the individualized support they need.

Pursuant to recent amendments to the Education Law which provide certain new and expanding charter schools with access to facilities, AF Bushwick and AF East New York made a co-location request to the DOE for space to accommodate AF University Prep’s authorized and planned enrollment and grade span.

AF Bushwick is authorized by the State University of New York (“SUNY”) to serve grades K-12. AF East New York is authorized by the DOE to serve grades K-12. As part of its recent charter renewal application, AF East New York has informed the DOE that it intends to continue its phase-in to serve grades K-12, if renewal is approved. Should the DOE deny AF East New York’s application for renewal, the posted Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) and Building Utilization Plan (“BUP”) will be revised accordingly. For the purposes of this EIS, it is assumed that AF East New York’s renewal application will be approved by its authorizer, the DOE, to serve K-12.

As stated above, AF University Prep functions as one high school entity, and is currently serving the combined high school grades of AF Bushwick and AF East New York in Building K434 (“K434”), located at 1485 Pacific Street Brooklyn, NY 11216, in Community School District 17. In order for the high school grades of both schools to be able to grow to their fully authorized enrollment and fully authorized and planned grade spans in one location and continue to function as AF University Prep, the school must be located in a building with sufficient available space to enable that growth. AF University Prep will be comprised of the high schools grades of AF Bushwick, whose middle school grades are currently sited in building K383, located at 1300 Greene Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11237 in District 32, 0.5 miles away from K111, and the high school grades of AF East New York, whose middle school grades are currently sited in building K065, located at 158 Richmond Street, Brooklyn, New York 11208 in Community School District 19 (“District 19”), 3.6 miles from K111.

On May 25, 2013, the DOE published a proposal to open and co-locate the kindergarten through fifth grades of PAVE II Charter School (84KTBD, “PAVE II”) in building K111, beginning in the 2014-2015 school year. The Panel for Educational Policy (“PEP”) approved this proposal on June 19, 2013. Details on this proposal can be found here: <http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2012-2013/June2013Proposals.htm>.

In September of 2013, PAVE II informed its authorizer, SUNY, that they intended to withdraw their application from consideration for the 2014-2015 school year and thus the DOE withdrew the approved proposal. Therefore, the proposal to site PAVE II’s kindergarten through fifth grades in K111 was not implemented.

According to the Under-utilized Space Memorandum, building K111 is “under-utilized” and has space to accommodate additional students. According to the 2013-2014 Enrollment, Capacity, Utilization Report (the “Blue Book”), K111 has a target capacity to serve 1,435 students; in 2014-2015, the two schools currently located at K111 are serving a total of 683 students. This yields an estimated building utilization rate of approximately 48%, which demonstrates that the building is “under-utilized” and has space to accommodate additional students. As set forth in the BUP that accompanies this proposal, there is sufficient space in the building to accommodate this co-location.

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

The EIS and 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 I.S. 347 School of Humanities and I.S. 349 Math, Science and Tech.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D32Proposals@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 hearing for this proposal.

The joint public hearing for this proposal was held on January 14, 2015 at the K111 building, but additional comments and questions about this proposal can continue to be submitted to D32Proposals@schools.nyc.gov or 212-374-0208.

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.
High School for Fashion Industries
225 West 24th Street
New York, NY 10011