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**NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION - DIVISION OF
PORTFOLIO PLANNING
Building R071 (31R048)
D75 Grade Expansion**

April 3, 2013

1 [START RECORDING]

2 MS. ERMINIA CLAUDIO: Welcome to the
3 overview, in the hearing process. This is a
4 joint public hearing of the Department of
5 Education, Community Education Council, the
6 School Leadership Team, for the proposed grade
7 expansion of a District 75 program from K to
8 five to K to eight, a new building, R071,
9 beginning in the 2013-2014 school year. I am
10 District 31 Superintendent Erminia Claudio. We
11 have asked the District 31 Community Education
12 Council and the School Leadership Teams of P.S.
13 48 and P.S. 373R to participate in the public
14 hearing. I am joined tonight by Lori Colicino-
15 Aiello, from P.S. 48 SLT, Susan Lauria from P.S.
16 48 SLT, Marie Vendetti from P.S. 48, Christine
17 Murphy from P.S. 48, Beth Cohen from P.S. 48,
18 Susan Orlando from P.S. 48, and Maria Cafaro
19 [phonetic] from PS373R@048 SLT, Michael Reilly
20 from the CEC, as well as Ilene Goldstein-Harnett
21 from 373@R048, Principal. The hearing is being
22 recorded. The purpose of this hearing is for
23 you to provide comments about the proposal.
24 Before I describe the proposal, I want to make
25 sure you are all aware of the opportunity to

1 provide your input. All those who wish to
2 speak must sign up in the speaker area located
3 just on the side of this cafeteria. The signup
4 list will close in 15 minutes. Speakers will be
5 given the floor in order that they are signed
6 up. All comments are limited to two minutes.
7 There may be elected officials who arrive at
8 different times throughout the evening. If they
9 wish to speak, we will do our best to
10 accommodate them at the first opportune moment.
11 Those who are here at the start of the public
12 comment segment will be asked to speak first.
13 All comments will be mentioned in the analysis
14 of the public comment to be published and
15 provided to the Panel for Educational Policy the
16 evening before the Panel votes. The vote is
17 scheduled for April 17th, 2013, 6:00 p.m., at
18 Prospect Heights campus, located 883 Classon
19 Ave., excuse me, Brooklyn, New York, 11225. In
20 addition, we welcome any comments and feedbacks
21 you may have at any time before the Panel votes
22 on both proposals. The email address and phone
23 numbers where comments may be made are
24 District31proposals@schools.nyc.gov.
25 District31proposals@schools.nyc.gov, and the

1 phone number is (212) 374-761. Again, (212)
2 374-7621. The proposal summary: the New York
3 City Department of Education, the DOE, is
4 proposing to expand PS373@PS48, a District 75
5 school, in the 2013-2014, in a new building
6 located at 1050 Targee St., Staten Island, New
7 York, 10304, in Community School District 31.
8 On June 26th, 2012, the Panel for Educational
9 Policy, the PEP, approved a proposal to re-site,
10 expand, and co-locate P.S. 48, William C.
11 Wilcox, a zoned elementary school that currently
12 serves students in kindergarten through fifth
13 grades, with PS373@P48, a new District 75 school
14 that was initially projected to serve students
15 in kindergarten through fifth grade, in the new
16 building beginning in the 2013-2014 school year.
17 A co-location means that two or more
18 schools/organizations are located in the same
19 building, often sharing large common spaces like
20 the auditorium, gymnasium, and cafeteria. The
21 proposal implements a grade expansion whereby
22 P373@PS48 would expand to serve students in
23 kindergarten through eighth grades when it opens
24 in the 2013-2014 school year, in the new
25 building. This will provide District 75

1 families with a greater access to middle school
2 options in Staten Island and align P373R with
3 P48 with the P.S. 48's grade span. According to
4 School Construction Authority, the SCA, the new
5 building is projected to have the capacity to
6 serve 844 students. P373@PS48 is projected to
7 serve approximately 62 to 72 students in grades
8 kindergarten through eighth in the 2015-16
9 school year. P.S. 48 kindergarten through fifth
10 grade students will be re-sited to the new
11 building for the 2013-2014 school year, with the
12 sixth grade cohort. During the 2013-2014 school
13 year, these organizations will serve
14 approximately 720 to 800 students, yielding a
15 projected a projected building utilization rate
16 of 85 to 95%. In the 2015-2016 school year,
17 when P.S. 48 has reached full scale, serving
18 students in grades kindergarten through eight,
19 and pre-kindergarten, there'll be a total of
20 approximately 910 to 1,010 students, yielding a
21 projected building utilization rate for both
22 organizations of 108 to 120%. The proposed
23 grade expansion does not change the planned
24 enrollment or space requirements for P373@PS48,
25 which was based on SCA's reported District 75

1 designed seat capacity in the new building.
2 Presentation by hearing participants: this is
3 for you. Thank you. The next presenter will be
4 Michael Reilly of the CEC, if the CEC has to
5 make a statement.

6 MR. MICHAEL REILLY: I think this is a great
7 thing for the P.S. 48 community. K to eight is
8 wonderful. I fully support it. I know the CEC
9 supports it. And I would like to see K to eight
10 come to more schools, in Staten Island, in
11 District 31, and hopefully throughout the city.
12 Once again, congratulations. And we fully
13 support this. And you guys, this is historic
14 and it's great.

15 MS. CLAUDIO: Thank you. Someone from our
16 SLT? Lori Colicino-Aiello, would you like to
17 say something?

18 MS. LORI COLICINO-AIELLO: Sure. We would
19 just like to welcome the new school into the
20 building, and I'm sure that the two principals
21 are both very excited to get in, and we look
22 forward to joining forces to educate children -
23 -.

24 MS. CLAUDIO: Thank you for your
25 graciousness. We have now concluded the formal

1 presentations. We will now open the floor for
2 public comments. Do we have any speakers? No?
3 Okay. So we're going to close. Again, we
4 welcome any comments and feedbacks you may have
5 at any time before the Panel for Educational
6 Policy votes on this proposal, at its April 17th
7 meeting. Again, the email address and phone
8 numbers where comments can be made are
9 District31proposals@schools.nyc.gov, and (212)
10 374-7621. Thank you for your participation, and
11 thank you for coming out tonight.

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The prior proceedings were transcribed from audio files and have been transcribed to the best of my ability.

Signature *Aime Coleman*

Date April 7, 2013