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

**Co-Location of New District 75
School Site at X040 (ED and EIS) -
11/14/11**

1 [START RECORDING]

2 FEMALE VOICE 1: ...at school site in
3 Building X040 - - on the focus on the Community
4 Superintendent for District 7. We have asked
5 the District 7 CEC, P.S. 178 nines [phonetic]
6 SLT, Young Leaders Elementary Schools SLT, and
7 the assistant principal of the new District 75
8 school site at Building X40 to participate in
9 this joint public hearing.

10 I am joined tonight by Sherry Williams, Font
11 Williams principal at P.S. 179, Dr. Karen
12 Collins, principal at Young Leaders Elementary
13 School, Jacqueline Comm [phonetic], Ms.
14 Jacqueline Comm, District 75 assistant
15 principal, and CEC 7 representatives, President,
16 uh, Ms. Almeta Trammel, and - - , Ms. Tanya
17 [phonetic] Jones, first vice-president.

18 This hearing is being recorded. The purpose
19 of this hearing is for you to provide comments
20 about the proposal to permanently co-locate a
21 new site of a District 75 school in Building
22 X40. Before I describe the proposal I want to
23 make sure you are all aware of the opportunity
24 to provide your input. For those who wish to
25 speak, must sign up in the speaker sign-up area

1 located just outside the auditorium. The sign-
2 up list will close in 15 minutes. Speakers will
3 be given the floor in the order that they signed
4 up. All comments are limited to two minutes.
5 There may be elected officials who will show up
6 at different times during or throughout the
7 evening. If they wish to speak, uh, we will do
8 our best to accommodate them at the first
9 opportune time or moment. Those who are here at
10 the start of the public comment segment will be
11 asked to speak first. In addition, we welcome
12 any comments and feedback you may have at any
13 time before the Panel for, um, Educational
14 Policy votes on this proposal on November 17,
15 2011. - - a phone number where comments may be
16 made are D07proposals@schools.nyc.gov, and the
17 number is (212) 374-5159. All comments made
18 today, um, at today's hearing and through the
19 DOE's dedicated phone number, any novice
20 [phonetic] for this proposal will be discussed
21 in the analysis of public comment that the
22 Department of Education will publish and provide
23 to the panel before the panel votes on this
24 proposal.

25 So the proposal summary is as follows: the

1 DOE is proposing to permanently co-locate a new
2 site of a District 75 school, P017X in Building
3 X40. Building X40 is located at 468 East 140th
4 Street in the Bronx, New York 10454 in community
5 school district 7. A co-location means that two
6 or more school organizations are located in the
7 same building and they share common spaces such
8 as auditoriums, gymnasiums, libraries and
9 cafeterias.

10 If this proposal is approved by the Panel
11 for Educational Policy the new District 75 P17X
12 site will be permanently co-located with P.S.
13 179 in Young Leaders at Building X40. P.S. 179
14 and Young Leaders have all been 16 [phonetic]
15 zoned. Elementary school starting students in
16 Kindergarten through fifth. Both schools also
17 offer a pre-Kindergarten program.

18 Last summer there was a significant
19 unanticipated increase in need for the 675
20 [phonetic] seats in the Bronx for the 2011-2012
21 school year. It was necessary to create a new
22 P17X site to serve two additional class sections
23 that may accommodate District 75 Kindergarten
24 students, totaling 12 students, who could not be
25 accommodated at the existing P17X site or in

1 other existing, uh, District 75 programs
2 starting students with similar needs in the
3 Bronx.

4 To immediately co-locate the new District 75
5 P17X site with P.S. 179 and Young Leaders in
6 Building X40 for the start of 2011-12 school
7 year the chancellor issued an emergency
8 declaration on September 8th, 2011 which provides
9 for the co-location to be in effect for a six-
10 month period and to continue thereafter if
11 approved by the Panel for Educational Policy.
12 Building X40 was the most sensible location for
13 the new District 75, P17X site because basically
14 [phonetic] the building had to become available
15 at the end of the 2010-11 school year when the
16 District P17X was program was resited out of the
17 building. In accordance with an amended
18 educational impact statement published on March
19 22nd, 2011 and approved by the Panel for
20 Educational Policy on April 28th, 2011.

21 Additionally, based on its previous ability
22 to serve District 75 students, the DOE felt
23 confident the amenities in the building could
24 meet these students' needs.

25 If this proposal is approved at the new

1 District 75, the 17X site in Building X40 will
2 continue to serve eight [phonetic] to - - 12
3 Kindergarten students in two self-contained
4 sections in a six to one to one classroom
5 setting, meaning, each classroom has six
6 students, a teacher and a paraprofessional
7 educational assistant. Uh, these 12 District 75
8 Kindergartners will progress each year in
9 Building X40 until they complete the fifth
10 grade.

11 This proposal is not anticipated to impact
12 current or future student enrollment or
13 instructional programming for or at P.S. 179,
14 the Young Leaders. All students zoned to P.S.
15 179 in Young Leaders will continue to have the
16 opportunity to attend these schools.

17 Additionally, P.S. 179, the Young Leaders will
18 continue to offer pre-Kindergarten programs
19 subject to continuing funding and demand.

20 So, um, presentation. Are there any
21 presentations for hearings participants? No
22 presentations, right? Public, um, comments, we -
23 any public comments? No public comments? We have
24 now concluded the formal presentations and now
25 we will open the floor for public comments. We

1 have none, right?

2 FEMALE VOICE 2: No, no one has signed up.

3 FEMALE VOICE 1: Anyone? Has anyone signed?

4 No? Okay. So since no one signed, um, we

5 welcome any comments and feedback you may have

6 at any time before the Panel for Educational

7 Policy votes on this proposal at its November

8 17th meeting. The November 17th panel meeting

9 will take place at the Frank Sinatra School for

10 the Arts located at 35-12 35th Avenue in Queens.

11 The e-mail address and phone number where

12 comments may be made are

13 D07proposals@schools.nyc.gov, and the number,

14 (212) 374-5159. We thank you for your

15 participation. This joint public hearing is now

16 closed.

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