



**Notice**  
November 3, 2016

## **The Proposed Re-siting of M.S. 442 Carroll Gardens School for Innovation (15K442) to Building K280 in the 2017-2018 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 re-site M.S. 442 Carroll Gardens School for Innovation (15K442, “M.S. 442”), an existing middle school that currently serves 224 students in sixth through eighth grades to building K280 (“K280”), located at 500 19<sup>th</sup> Street, Brooklyn, NY 11215 in the 2017-2018 school year. M.S. 442 is currently located in building K032 (“K032”), located at 317 Hoyt Street, Brooklyn, NY 11231, 2.3 miles from K280 in District 15, where it is co-located with P.S. 32 Samuel Mills Sprole (15K032, “P.S. 32”), a zoned elementary school serving students in kindergarten through fifth grade and offering a pre-kindergarten program. 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. A “re-siting” means that part or all of a school will be located in a different building than the building in which the school is currently located.

If this proposal is approved, M.S. 442 will serve the entirety of its students in K280 beginning in the 2017-2018 school year. K280 also houses an existing District 15 Pre-Kindergarten Center (15K863, “Pre-K Center”). The Pre-K Center is currently serving 22 sections of pre-kindergarten students and is allocated 32 full-size rooms and 7 half-size rooms in K280. If this proposal is approved, M.S. 442 and the Pre-K Center will be housed in distinct portions of the building, but will share certain spaces like the gym, auditorium, school yard and cafeteria on a limited basis. Additionally, K280 has a sufficient number of entrances such that M.S. 442 and the Pre-K Center may each have a dedicated entrance. Decisions around separate entrances will be determined by the leadership of M.S. 442 and the Pre-K Center. This proposal is not expected to impact the current space, programming, or enrollment of the Pre-K Center, or its ability to grow in K280.

Pursuant to separate leases with the Diocese of Brooklyn, Brooklyn Urban Garden Charter School (84K758) and a privately operated special education preschool, Stanley S. Lamm Institute Preschool (64KBNU) are located within separate and distinct spaces at 500 19<sup>th</sup> Street. The re-siting of M.S. 442 will not impact the space leased by either organization. While access to the gym, cafeteria, school yard and auditorium in K280 is not included in the separate leases between these organizations and the Diocese of Brooklyn, the DOE currently allows these organizations to have limited access to those spaces, although future access would be determined with M.S. 442 and Pre-K Center leadership and is subject to change.

As discussed further in the Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”), District 15 as a whole has a deficit of elementary school seats and there is a need to add elementary capacity. Based on the 2015-2016 Blue Book, the average utilization rate of elementary schools in District 15 was 124%.

Furthermore, according to the School Construction Authority's ("SCA") 2015-2019 Capital Plan, there is specific funding for the urgently needed additional elementary school capacity in this portion of District 15.

SCA has identified K032 as a location where a new addition could be built in order to increase elementary school capacity in this area of District 15. P.S. 32 uses seven Transportable Classroom Units ("TCUs") in addition to K032, and the TCUs will need to be removed in order for construction of this much-needed addition to begin. In order for the TCUs to be removed, the students from P.S. 32 currently being served in the TCUs would need to be served in K032, which cannot happen with both P.S. 32 and M.S. 442 in the building. If this proposal to re-site M.S. 442 from K032 to K280 is approved, P.S. 32 would then be able to serve all of its students in K032, facilitating the removal of the TCUs and the construction of the addition to K032. The addition is anticipated to increase the elementary school seat capacity in District 15 and provide P.S. 32 with space in the main building to serve all of its zoned students.

Additionally, this proposal is intended to support M.S. 442 and improve learning conditions by re-siting the school to a building that offers facilities more equipped for middle school students and that better accommodates the school's enrollment. M.S. 442's current building, K032, is over-utilized, with a utilization rate of 123%. DOE expects that M.S. 442's new building, K280, will have a lower building utilization rate and enough space to accommodate M.S. 442's enrollment. In addition, K280 offers a significantly larger gymnasium, auditorium, and cafeteria than are available in K032.

According to the SCA, excluding the space that is allocated to the Pre-K Center, K280 has the capacity to serve a total of 329 students. If this proposal is approved, in 2017-2018 when M.S. 442 is re-sited in its entirety to K280, M.S. 442 is projected to serve approximately 230-260 students. This will result in a total projected building enrollment of 230-260, yielding an estimated building utilization rate of 70%-79%.

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

The EIS can be found on the Department of Education's website at: <http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2016-2017/December212016SchoolProposals>

Copies of the EIS are also available in the main offices of P.S. 32 and M.S. 442.

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

Members of the public who wish to provide comments are encouraged to attend the Joint Public Hearing for this proposal and share their feedback in person. Members of the public that do not provide comments at the hearing may also provide oral or written comments as described below. All comments must be submitted at least 24 hours in advance of the Panel for Educational Policy ("PEP") meeting at which this proposal is subject to a vote in order to be mentioned in the Public Comment Analysis to be published and provided to the PEP the evening before the PEP votes.

Written comments can be sent to [D15Proposals@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:D15Proposals@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 the Joint Public Hearing for this proposal.**

December 14, 2016 at 6:00 PM  
Building K032  
317 Hoyt Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11231

Questions about the proposal should be directed as indicated in Section IV above.

Speaker sign-up will begin 30 minutes before the hearing, at 5:30 PM, and will close 15 minutes after the start of the hearing.

**VI. Date, time and place of the PEP meeting at which the PEP will vote on the proposed item.**

December 21, 2016 at 6:00 PM  
High School for Fashion Industries  
225 West 24<sup>th</sup> Street  
New York, NY 10011