



Notice
November 3, 2016

The Proposed Re-siting and Co-location of Achievement First Voyager Middle School (84K876) to Building K092 with P.S. 92 Adrian Hegeman (17K092) Beginning 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 Achievement First Voyager Middle School (84K876, “AF Voyager”) to building K092 (“K092”), and co-locate AF Voyager with P.S. 92 Adrian Hegeman (17K092, “P.S. 92”), a district elementary school serving students in kindergarten through fifth grades and offering a pre-kindergarten program (“pre-k”), beginning in the 2017-2018 school year. K092 is located at 601 Parkside Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11226 in Community School District 17 (“District 17”). AF Voyager currently serves students in fifth grade in building K884 (“K884”) located at 15 Snyder Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11226, where it is co-located with Success Academy Charter School – Flatbush (84K886), a charter elementary school currently serving students in kindergarten through first grade and which will serve students in kindergarten through fourth grade when it reaches full scale in the 2019-2020 school year. If this proposal is approved, AF Voyager will be re-sited to K092 and co-located with P.S. 92 in the 2017-2018 school year, serving approximately 160-180 students in the fifth through sixth grade. AF Voyager will add one grade level each year until it reaches full scale in the 2019-2020 school year, serving approximately 320-360 students in fifth through eighth grades. K884 is located 0.6 miles from K092 and is also in District 17.

Pursuant to recent amendments to the Education Law, which provide certain new and expanding charter schools with access to facilities, AF Voyager made a request to the DOE for co-located space in Brooklyn to site a new middle school. In the 2016-2017 school year the DOE provided temporary incubation space to AF Voyager at K884 for its fifth and sixth grade, with a commitment to identify appropriate long term co-located space for the siting of AF Voyager’s fifth through eighth grades.

Achievement First is a charter management organization (“CMO”) that currently operates elementary, middle and high schools in New York City. If this proposal is approved, AF Voyager would be re-sited to building K092 and co-located with P.S. 92 in the 2017-2018 school year. At scale, AF Voyager will serve fifth through eighth grade in the 2019-2020 school year. AF Voyager’s charter was authorized in the 2015-2016 school year by The State University of New York Trustees (“SUNY”).

Prior to the 2016-2017 school year, P.S. 92 was co-located with Lefferts Gardens Charter School (“Lefferts Gardens”) in K092. The Lefferts Gardens charter expired on June 30, 2016, at which time the school formally ceased operations. K092 has the capacity to serve a total of 729 students. Currently, the building serves approximately 461 students, yielding a utilization rate of 63%. The

If this proposal is approved, in the 2017-2018 school year, AF Voyager will serve a projected 160-180 students in fifth through sixth grades and P.S. 92 will serve a projected 429-489 students in kindergarten through fifth grade and pre-k in K092. K092 will have a total projected building enrollment of 589-669 students, yielding a projected building utilization rate of 81%-92%. In the 2019-2020 school year, when AF Voyager is at scale serving fifth through eighth grade students at K092, there will be approximately 724-824 students served in the building, yielding a projected utilization rate of 99%-113%.

Although a utilization rate in excess of 100% may suggest that a building will be over-utilized or over-crowded in a given year, this rate does not account for the fact that rooms may be programmed for more efficient or different uses than the standard assumptions in the utilization calculation. In addition, charter school enrollment plans are frequently based on larger class sizes than target capacity, contributing to building utilizations above 100% while not impacting the utilization of the space allocated to the traditional district school.

The Building Utilization Plan (“BUP”) that accompanies this proposal shows that there is sufficient space in the building to accommodate this re-siting and co-location with P.S. 92. Thus, the DOE believes that K092 can serve all students that attend AF Voyager and P.S. 92 beginning in the 2017-2018 school year.

More details about space are available in the EIS as well as in the BUP that is attached to this proposal.

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 website at: <http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2016-2017/December212016SchoolProposals>.

Copies of the EIS and BUP are also available in the main office of K092.

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 D17Proposals@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 8, 2016 at 6:00 PM
Building K092
601 Parkside Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11226

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 24th Street
New York, NY 10011