



**Department of
Education**

Carmen Fariña, Chancellor

Notice

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The Proposed Consolidation of Arts and Media Preparatory Academy (18K589) with Victory Collegiate High School (18K576) in Building K515 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 consolidate Arts and Media Preparatory Academy (18K589, “Arts and Media Prep”) with Victory Collegiate High School (18K576, “Victory Collegiate”), in building K515 (“K515”), located at 6565 Flatlands Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11236 in Community School District 18 (“District 18”), beginning in the 2017-2018 school year. Victory Collegiate is an existing district high school serving students in ninth through twelfth grade in K515. K515 also provides space for the Public School Athletic League (“PSAL”) and New York Police Department (“NYPD”). Arts and Media Prep is an existing district high school serving students in ninth through twelfth grades in building K232 (“K232”) located at 905 Winthrop Street, Brooklyn, NY 11203, also in District 18, and approximately two miles away from K515. Proposals for consolidation seek to improve learning environments by combining the strengths and best practices of both schools and distributing resources to reinforce academic enrichment opportunities, interventions, and other supports.

The DOE is proposing to consolidate Arts and Media Prep and Victory Collegiate because Arts and Media Prep has struggled with low enrollment, which creates budgetary and programmatic challenges, and because consolidation would support enrollment growth at Victory Collegiate. Arts and Media Prep is considered under-enrolled as it has a total enrollment below 250 students in ninth through twelfth grade. Furthermore, enrollment has dropped 30% between the 2011-12 school year and the 2016-17 school year. If this proposal is approved, Arts and Media Prep and Victory Collegiate will be combined such that students, staff, and resources of Arts and Media Prep will become part of Victory Collegiate, and Arts and Media Prep will no longer exist as a distinct school option as of the 2017-2018 school year.

As noted above, Arts and Media Prep is currently located in K232, where it is co-located with two district middle schools serving students in sixth through eighth grades, East Flatbush Community Research School (18K581, “East Flatbush”) and Middle School of Marketing and Legal Studies (18K598, “MS Marketing and Legal Studies”).

In a separate Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”), the DOE is concurrently proposing to re-site and co-locate the elementary school grades of Uncommon Kings Collegiate Charter School (84K608, “Uncommon Kings Collegiate”) to K232 beginning in the 2017-18 school year, where it would be co-located with East Flatbush Community and Marketing and Legal Studies. This

proposal to consolidate Arts and Media Prep with Victory Collegiate in K515 is not contingent on the re-siting and co-location of Uncommon Kings Collegiate to K232. However, the Uncommon Kings Collegiate proposal is contingent on the PEP approving this consolidation proposal, Victory Collegiate is currently housed in K515, where it is co-located with Brooklyn Generation School (18K566, “Brooklyn Generation”), an existing district high school currently serving students in ninth through twelfth grades; Brooklyn Theatre Arts High School (18K567, “Brooklyn Theatre Arts”), an existing district high school serving students in ninth through twelfth grades; Brooklyn Bridge Academy (18K578, “Brooklyn Bridge Academy”), an existing district transfer high school serving students in ninth through twelfth grades; Academy for Conservation and the Environment (18K637, “Academy for Conservation”), an existing district high school serving students in ninth through twelfth grades and Uncommon Preparatory Charter High School (84K775, “Uncommon High School”), an existing charter high school currently serving students in ninth through eleventh grades and phasing in to serve students in grades nine through twelve. K515 also houses a Pathways to Graduation program (79Q950, “Pathways”). If this proposal is approved, Arts and Media Prep would be consolidated with Victory Collegiate in K515 in the 2017-2018 school year, and the newly consolidated Victory Collegiate would continue to be co-located with the above organizations.

The New York State Education Department (“SED”) assigns an accountability status to each district school—Good Standing, Local Assistance Plan, Focus, or Priority. Victory Collegiate is identified as a school in Good Standing, and Arts and Media Prep is identified as a Priority school. If this proposal is approved, the New York State Education Department will determine the accountability status of the newly consolidated school.

K515 has the target capacity to serve a total of 2,967 students. If this proposal is approved, Victory Collegiate will absorb the enrollment of Arts and Media Prep and will serve a projected 510-550 students in ninth through twelfth grades in the 2017-2018 school year. Brooklyn Generation School will serve 195-235 students, Brooklyn Theatre Arts High School will serve 350-390 students, Brooklyn Bridge Academy will serve 190-230 students, Uncommon High School will serve 420-460 students, Academy for Conservation will serve 255-295 students and Pathways will serve 95-100 students. This will result in a total projected building enrollment of 2,015-2,260 students in K515 in 2017-2018, yielding a building utilization rate of 68%-76%.

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 and BUP are also available in the main offices of Brooklyn Generation School, Brooklyn Theater Arts High School, Brooklyn Bridge Academy, Academy for Conservation and the Environment, Arts and Media Prep, Leadership Preparatory Ocean Hill Charter School and Victory Collegiate.

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 D18Proposals@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.

Name: Max Familian
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V. Date, time and place of the Joint Public Hearings for this proposal.

December 6, 2016 at 6:00 PM
Building K232
905 Winthrop Street
Brooklyn, NY 11203

December 13, 2016 at 6:00 PM
Building K515
6565 Flatlands Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11236

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