



**Department of
Education**

Carmen Fariña, Chancellor

Notice

November 4, 2016

The Proposed Re-siting and Co-location of the Elementary School Grades of Uncommon Kings Collegiate Charter School (84K608) to Building K232 with East Flatbush Community Research School (18K581) and Middle School of Marketing and Legal Studies (18K598) 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 and co-locate the elementary school grades of Uncommon Kings Collegiate Charter School (84K608, “Uncommon Kings Collegiate”) to building K232 (“K232”) beginning in the 2017-2018 school year. If this proposal is approved, Uncommon Kings Collegiate will be re-sited to K232 and co-located with East Flatbush Community Research School (18K581, “East Flatbush”) and Middle School of Marketing and Legal Studies (18K598, “MS of Marketing and Legal Studies”), which are both district middle schools serving students in sixth through eighth grades. K232, which is located at 905 Winthrop Street, Brooklyn, NY 11203 in Community School District 18 (“District 18”), also houses three Community-based Organizations: Beacon, Interborough Developmental and Consultation Center and Sports and Arts in Schools Foundation.

Uncommon Charter (“Uncommon”) is the charter management organization (“CMO”) for Uncommon Kings Collegiate. Uncommon Kings Collegiate has been authorized by The State University of New York Charter Schools Institute (“SUNY”) to serve students in kindergarten through twelfth grades. Uncommon Kings Collegiate currently serves students in fifth through eighth grades in building K252 (“K252”), located at 1084 Lenox Road, Brooklyn, NY 11212 in District 18, and serves students in kindergarten in building K854 (“K854”), located at 1784 Park Place, Brooklyn, NY 11233 in Community School District 23 (“District 23”). K854 is an annex to building K178 (“K178”) and does not currently house any additional school organizations.

If this proposal is approved, Uncommon Kings Collegiate’s kindergarten would be re-sited from K854 to K232 beginning in the 2017-2018 school year, and Uncommon Kings Collegiate would expand in K232 to serve one additional grade level per year until it reaches full scale serving students in kindergarten through fourth grade in the 2020-2021 school year. K232 is located approximately 0.6 miles away from K252, where the middle school grades of Uncommon Kings Collegiate are housed, and has adequate space to site the full complement of elementary school grades kindergarten through four of Uncommon Kings Collegiate.

In a separate Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”), the DOE is concurrently proposing to re-site Arts and Media Preparatory Academy (18K589, “Arts and Media Prep”), a district high school serving students in ninth through twelfth grades currently housed in K232, to building K515

("K515"), located at 6565 Flatlands Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11236, and consolidate Arts and Media Prep with Victory Collegiate High School (18K576, "Victory Collegiate") in K515 beginning in the 2017-2018 school year. This proposal is contingent on the proposal to re-site and consolidate Arts and Media Prep in K515. These proposals will be voted on separately by the Panel for Educational Policy ("PEP") at their December meeting. If both proposals are approved, Uncommon Kings Collegiate will be co-located with East Flatbush and MS of Marketing and Legal Studies in K232 beginning in the 2017-2018 school year. If the proposal to re-site Arts and Media Prep to K515 and consolidate Arts and Media Prep with Victory Collegiate is not approved by the PEP, the DOE will reassess its plans for Uncommon Kings Collegiate and may propose an alternate siting plan for the elementary school grades of Uncommon Kings Collegiate for the 2017-2018 school year.

K232 has the capacity to serve a total of 1,442 students. If both this proposal and the proposal to re-site and consolidate Arts and Media Prep are approved, in the 2017-2018 school year, Uncommon Kings Collegiate will serve a projected 160-180 students in kindergarten through first grade, East Flatbush will serve a projected 65-95 students in sixth through eighth grade, and MS of Marketing and Legal Studies will serve a projected 120-150 students in sixth through eighth grade in K232. K232 will have a total projected building enrollment of 345-425 students, yielding a projected building utilization rate of 24%-29%.

If both this proposal and the proposal to re-site and consolidate Arts and Media Prep are approved, in 2020-2021, when Uncommon Kings Collegiate is at scale serving students in kindergarten through fourth grade, there will be approximately 580-690 total students served in the building, yielding a projected building utilization rate of 40%-48% in K232, reflecting that there is sufficient space for all school organizations.

The Building Utilization Plan ("BUP") that accompanies this proposal also shows that there is sufficient space in the building to accommodate this re-siting of Uncommon Kings Collegiate to K232 and co-location alongside East Flatbush and MS of Marketing and Legal Studies. Thus, the DOE believes that if both proposals are approved, K232 can serve all students that attend Uncommon Kings Collegiate, East Flatbush and MS of Marketing and Legal Studies 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 offices of East Flatbush, MS of Marketing and Legal Studies, Arts and Media Prep, and Uncommon Kings 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.

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V. Date, time and place of the Joint Public Hearing for this proposal.

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

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