



Notice  
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Chancellor

## **The Proposed Temporary Re-Siting and Co-Location of One Grade Level of P.S. 056 Norwood Heights (10X056) with St. Brendan School in St. Brendan Building for Three Years Beginning in the 2013-2014 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 temporarily re-site and co-locate one grade level of P.S. 056 Norwood Heights (10X056, “P.S. 56”) with St. Brendan Elementary School (“St. Brendan”) in St. Brendan Building, located at 268 East 207<sup>th</sup> Street, Bronx, New York, 10467, beginning in the 2013-2014 school year. As described below in greater detail, this re-siting and co-location was already effectuated via emergency declaration on September 4, 2013 and this proposal would allow P.S. 56’s students to remain in St. Brendan Building through the 2015-2016 school year. A “re-siting” means that students will attend classes in a different building than in previous years and a “co-location” means that two or more school organizations are located in the same building and may share common spaces such as auditoriums, gymnasiums, libraries, and cafeterias. P.S. 56 is an existing zoned elementary school that serves students in kindergarten through fifth grades; St. Brendan is a private parochial school serving students in kindergarten through eighth grades, and offering pre-kindergarten.

P.S. 56 primarily serves students in building X056 (“X056”), located at 341 East 207<sup>th</sup> Street, Bronx, New York 10467, in Community School District 10 (“District 10”). Until the end of the 2012-2013 school year, P.S. 56 also served students in an annex building leased from the Montefiore Medical Center, Inc. (“Montefiore”), located at 361-63 East Gun Hill Road, Bronx, New York, in District 10 (“the Annex”). In April 2013, Montefiore declined to renew the DOE’s lease beyond the 2012-2013 school year, which meant that P.S. 56 could not continue to serve students in the Annex in the 2013-2014 school year. In addition to the Annex, P.S. 56 had been serving a small number of students in a “mini-building” located next door to the X056 building, which was demolished in the summer of 2013 to create space for construction on the X056 building. The planned loss of the mini-building coupled with the unexpected loss of the Montefiore Annex made it necessary during summer 2013 to secure additional space for P.S. 56, as building X056 alone could not accommodate all of P.S. 56’s students for the 2013-2014 school year. Once arrangements were made with St. Brendan Building—which is located in District 10, just .1 mile from the X056 building and which had classrooms for P.S. 56 students—the Chancellor signed an emergency declaration providing for the placement of P.S. 56 students there, beginning on September 4, 2013 and continuing for six months thereafter. Since the start

of the 2013-2014 school year, P.S. 56's second grade students have been co-located at St. Brendan Building with St. Brendan.

This proposal, if approved, will extend P.S. 56's placement in St. Brendan Building beyond March 2014 until the end of the 2015-2016 school year. Building X056 is currently undergoing construction, that will substantially increase the capacity of the building as a whole by creating an addition to expand it; the construction of the addition is anticipated to be completed prior to the start of the 2016-2017 school year, at which time the grade level served at St. Brendan Building will return to X056 and all P.S. 56 grade levels will be served in the completed addition, while construction continues on the original X056 building through the 2017-2018 school year. The DOE anticipates that beginning in 2018-2019, all space in X056—in the original building and its new addition—will be ready for P.S. 56's use. Should the DOE learn that construction will not be complete in the anticipated time, the DOE plans to reassess any space related plans.

Under this proposal, it is anticipated that P.S. 56 will serve second grade students in St. Brendan Building through the duration of the 2013-2014 school year, as well as in 2014-2015 and 2015-2016, while P.S. 56's kindergarten, first, third, fourth, and fifth grade students remain in the main X056 building. Although the DOE expects that in each year P.S. 56's second grade will be located in St. Brendan Building, the P.S. 56 administration may ultimately decide to change the configuration of its grade levels across the two sites. Any plans to re-site additional grade levels of P.S. 56 to other locations would be proposed in a separate EIS.

The DOE believes that the placement of one grade level of P.S. 56 will significantly assist the school in meeting the instructional needs of all its students and that St. Brendan Building offers sufficient capacity to serve one grade level of P.S. 56 students over the course of this proposal. In the 2013-2014 school year, 136 second-grade students from P.S. 56 are being served in St. Brendan Building.

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

The Educational Impact Statement ("EIS") can be found on the Department of Education's Web site:

<http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2013-2014/Nov26SchoolProposals>.

Copies of the EIS are also available P.S. 56's main office.

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

[D10Proposals@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:D10Proposals@schools.nyc.gov)

Oral comments can be left at 212-374-5159.

## **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 joint public hearings for this proposal.**

November 12, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.  
Building X056  
341 East 207th Street, Bronx, NY 10467

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

Speaker sign-up will begin 30 minutes before the hearing and will close 15 minutes after the start.

**VII. Date, time and place of the Panel for Educational Policy meeting at which the Panel will vote on the proposed item.**

November 26, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.  
  
The High School of Fashion Industries  
225 West 24<sup>th</sup> Street  
New York, NY 10011