



Notice  
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Chancellor

## **The Proposed Temporary Partial Re-Siting and Co-Location of P.S. 056 Norwood Heights (10X056) with New School (10X077) and a District 75 School (75XTBD) in New Building X177 for Two Years Beginning in the 2014-2015 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 five grade levels of P.S. 056 Norwood Heights (10X056, “P.S. 56”) with a new district elementary school (“10X077”) and a District 75 school (75XTBD) in Building X177 (“X177”), located at 3177 Webster Ave, Bronx, New York, 10467, in Community School District 10, for a two-year period beginning in the 2014-2015 school year. Building X177 is currently under construction and will be completed prior to the 2014-2015 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. If this proposal is approved, the grade levels of P.S. 56 served in new building X177 will be co-located for two years with 10X077, a new zoned district elementary school that will open with kindergarten in the 2014-2015 school year and serve grades kindergarten through five at full scale; and a yet-to-be determined District 75 school (“75XTBD”).

P.S. 56 is an existing zoned elementary school that serves students in kindergarten through fifth grades. 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”). As described in a separate Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) issued on October 11, 2013 and approved by the Panel for Educational Policy (“PEP”) on November 26, 2013, one grade of P.S. 56 is currently co-located in St. Brendan Building with St. Brendan School, a private parochial school. That re-siting and co-location was initially effectuated by an emergency declaration signed by the Chancellor in order to alleviate immediate overcrowding resulting from the loss of a leased annex. The October 11, 2013 proposal extends the duration of that co-location through the 2015-2016 school year and will not be impacted if this proposal is approved.

Building X056 is undergoing construction that will substantially increase the capacity of the

building as a whole by creating an addition to expand it; the construction of that 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. As described in the October 11, 2013 EIS, additional construction is needed on the main portion of X056, which can only take place when no students are being served in the main building; as explained in the previous EIS, it was originally the DOE's intention to serve all P.S. 56 students in the building's new addition while construction was to proceed on the main building. However, the DOE has since found an alternate site for P.S. 56 students—new building X177. By re-siting the students there in the 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 school years, the entire construction project on X056 will be expedited: rather than being completed for the 2018-2019 school year (as stated in the previous EIS), if the remaining grades of P.S. 56 are re-sited to X177, the entire project (main building and addition) can be completed in time for the 2016-2017 school year. The DOE believes that completing the construction on this timeline, accelerated by two years, is in the best interests of the community, as it will reduce disruptions and provide a quicker solution for P.S. 56's overcrowding, as well as increase elementary capacity in District 10.

Building X177, where some P.S. 56 grade levels will be re-sited, is being constructed with the intent of serving 10X077 and 75XTBD. 10X077, a new, zoned district elementary school, will admit students according to standard zoned admissions priorities as described in Chancellor's Regulation A-101. 75XTBD is a yet-to-be determined District 75 program. 10X077 will begin phasing into the X177 building in the 2014-2015 school year with kindergarten and will add one grade each subsequent year until it reaches full scale to serve kindergarten through fifth grades in the 2018-2019 school year. 10X077 will serve approximately 95-100 kindergarten in its first year of phase-in and approximately 190-210 kindergarten and first grade students in its second year of phase-in. 75XTBD will serve 30-60 students beginning in the 2014-2015 school year and beyond.

Building X177 will have a target capacity of 640 students. Without this proposed co-location during 10X077's and 75XTBD's phase-in, X177 is projected to be significantly underutilized, with a maximum utilization rate of 26% in 2014-2015 and a maximum utilization rate of 42% in 2015-2016. If this proposal is approved, during the first year of its implementation, in 2014-2015, there will be a total of 645-735 students served collectively by 10X077, 75XTBD, and P.S. 56 in building X177. This yields a projected target utilization rate of 101%-115%. During the second and final year of this proposal, in 2015-2016, 10X077, 75XTBD, and P.S. 56 will serve a total of 735-835 students in building X177. This yields a projected target utilization rate of 115%-130%. These rates are comparable to other schools serving elementary grades in the surrounding neighborhoods within District 10, where utilization rates are projected to range from 99%-145%, indicating a need for additional capacity in this area of District 10, which the construction of X177 and expansion of X056 are intended to help create.

## **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/SchoolProposalsJan22PEP>.

Copies of the EIS are also available in 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 hearing for this proposal.**

January 14, 2014 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.**

January 22, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

The High School of Fashion Industries  
225 West 24<sup>th</sup> Street  
New York, NY 10011