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**NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION - DIVISION OF
PORTFOLIO PLANNING**
Resiting of BSA 2 to X055 - 2/16/12

1 [START DAR15003]

2 MALE VOICE: So, good evening. We're going
3 to start the joint public hearing, for the
4 proposal resiting of Bronx Success Academy
5 Charter School 2 (84X494), building X055 with
6 co-location of P.S. 55 Benjamin Franklin
7 (09X055) beginning in 2012 to 20113. Please
8 note for the record that CDC had confirmed
9 attendance for - - not her - - .

10 I would like to welcome everyone this
11 evening. This is a joint public hearing for
12 Department of Education Community Education
13 Council for District 8. - - all - - the
14 proposed resiting of Bronx Success Academy
15 Charter School 2 (84X494) with the building
16 X055, the co-location is P.S. 55 Benjamin
17 Franklin, (09X055) beginning in 2012 to 2013.

18 I am the - - for District 8. - - District 8
19 CDC schools should - - public school - - . And
20 the school represents Bronx Success Academy and
21 Charter School 2 with P.S 55 - - participate in
22 this joint public hearing, I'm joined tonight by
23 Principal Janet Sanderson P.S. 146, Principal
24 Vanessa Bengser from Bronx Success Academy 2.

25 This hearing is being recorded. The purpose

1 of this hearing is to - - about the proposed
2 resiting of Bronx Success Academy Charter School
3 2 (84X494) to building X055 a co-location of the
4 public school 55, Benjamin Franklin (09X055)
5 beginning in 2012/2013. In this educational
6 impact statement, the Department of Education
7 has proposed to move charter school Bronx
8 Success Academy 2 into building X055 the
9 occupied space being vacated by Cauldwell a
10 school that we propose to - - X110 in a separate
11 educational impact statement.

12 Before I start on this proposal, I want to
13 make sure that you're all aware of this
14 absolutely - - . All those who wish to speak,
15 must sign up at the speaker sign up area located
16 just behind the entry door of the auditorium.
17 The sign up was closed 15 minutes. Speaking
18 will begin before in the order that you sign up.

19 All the comments are limited to two minutes.
20 Then the elected officials will show up at the
21 conference throughout this evening. If they
22 wish to speak, we will do our best to
23 accommodate them at the first opportune moment.
24 Those officials who are here - - comments
25 segment will be asked to speak first.

1 In addition, we welcome any comments and
2 feedback that you have, any comment before the
3 Department of Education policy votes on this
4 proposal on March 1st, 2012.

5 On March 1st, the panel meeting will take
6 place at 6:00 p.m. at Brooklyn Technical High
7 School located at 29 Fort Green Place in
8 Brooklyn. The email address where comments may
9 be made is d08proposals@schools.nyc.gov. The
10 phone number for the conference where comments
11 may be made is 212-374-5159. All comments made
12 in today's hearing will be - - phone number and
13 email address for this proposal will be
14 discussed in the analysis of public comments
15 that the Department of Education will publish on
16 the Department of Education Website and provide
17 to the panel before the panel votes on this
18 proposal. I will present the overall proposal
19 and then we'll begin the public comment portion
20 of the joint public hearing.

21 This is the proposal summary. Bronx Success
22 Academy 2 is currently located here at building
23 X106 at 968 Cauldwell Avenue in District 8 with
24 Public School 146. The Department of Education
25 has proposed to move Bronx Success Academy 2 to

1 building X055 at 450 Saint Paul's Place in
2 District 9, beginning in 2012/2013.

3 Bronx Success Academy 2 will be Co-Located
4 to X055 with P.S. 55 an existing zoned
5 elementary school serving kindergarten through
6 and fifth grade and offering a full-day pre-
7 kindergarten program.

8 Previously on June 27th, 2011, the Department
9 of Education approved moved the extension of the
10 co-location of Bronx Success Academy 2 in
11 building X146, with public school 146 for one
12 year through the 2011/2012 school year and to
13 expand the school to 2nd grade.

14 The proposal is only for one year because
15 building X146 does not have any remaining space
16 for BSA 2 to continue phasing in additional
17 grades or to serve the full number of class
18 sections per grade that the school's charter
19 permits. Therefore, as the Department Education
20 indicated in its earlier educational impact
21 statement, the Department of Education proposal
22 for resiting of Bronx Success Academy 2 for
23 their 2012/2013 school year to enable Bronx
24 Success Academy 2 students to continue at the
25 school beyond second grade.

1 In X146, Bronx Success Academy 2 currently
 2 serves students from kindergarten through second
 3 grade. If this proposal is approved and Bronx
 4 Success Academy is resited to X055 the school
 5 will be able to grow from third grade in
 6 2012/2013 and then through fourth grade in
 7 2013/2014. And then continue to serve in - - in
 8 fourth grade in subsequent years.

9 Bronx Success Academy 2 - - second grade
 10 students - - . The school - - which is - - or
 11 will become District 9 if this proposal is
 12 approved. It is expected that all current Bronx
 13 Success Academy 2 school students will remain in
 14 school.

15 Bronx Success Academy 2, public school 146
 16 serves 742 students here in the building X146.
 17 Building X146 has a total capacity of 630
 18 students, which means that the building's
 19 current utilization rate is 118%.

20 If Bronx Success Academy leaves X146 at the
 21 end of this year, then the projected utilization
 22 rate for X146 drops from 74 to 83% for
 23 2012/2013.

24 The Department of Education eventually
 25 intends to propose new use of the space in the

1 X146 that Bronx Success Academy 2 will be - - .
2 Any subsequent proposal may be subject of
3 notification impact statement and be presented
4 to the panel of educational policy for referral.

5 This is also a - - make an impact - -
6 process enrolment, programming and - - public
7 school 146. In addition, the Department of
8 Education anticipates that pre-kindergarten
9 program between - - and Public School 146
10 subject to continued funding and demand. We
11 will now take comments on the proposal. Are
12 there any comments to the proposal, no?

13 We now conclude the formal presentations.
14 We will now begin for public comments. People
15 will be given the floor on the - - assignment -
16 - . All comments are limited to - -. Please
17 know for the record, that no one wants you to -
18 - . This - - is now - - .

19 We welcome any comments and feedback that
20 you may have at any time before the panel votes
21 on this proposal at its March 1st meeting. The
22 March 1st panel meeting will take place at 6:00pm
23 at Brooklyn Technical High School located at 29
24 Fort Green Place in Brooklyn.

25 Again the DoE address for comments to be

1 made is d08proposals@schools.nyc.gov. The
2 phone number where comments may be made is 212-
3 374-5159. I want to thank all of you in
4 attendance. Thank you for your participation.
5 This joint public hearing is now closed.

6 [END DAR15003]

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The prior proceedings were transcribed from audio files and have been transcribed to the best of my ability.

Signature *McClaw Long*

Date February 23, 2012