



Revised Notice
March 30, 2010

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Chancellor

**Notice of Revised Educational Impact Statement:
Temporary Co-location of a New School, P.S. 290 (24Q290), with I.S. 73 in
Q873 through the 2013-2014 School Year**

I. Description of the subject, purpose and substance of the proposed item under consideration and identification of all substantial revisions to the item.

On March 5, 2010, the Department of Education (“DOE”) published an Educational Impact Statement setting forth a proposal to co-locate a new zoned elementary school, P.S. 873, in school building Q873 with I.S. 73. The Educational Impact Statement stated that P.S. 873 would be housed in the long-term at Q873 and that there would be a local zone created for the school. After receiving feedback from the community and the District 24 Community Education Council, the DOE has decided to revise the proposal. Rather than remain in Q873 for the long-term, P.S. 873 will be housed temporarily in Q873 and, pending all necessary public approvals, eventually move to a new construction facility on Metropolitan Avenue. The DOE has determined that the proposed new site on Metropolitan Avenue is better positioned to reduce overcrowding in the high-need areas of District 24.

The March 5, 2010 Educational Impact Statement referred to the new school as P.S. 873 (24Q873, “P.S. 873”). That DBN code and school name was assigned to the new school to align with the building code, Q873. However, since the new school will not remain in Q873 permanently, a new school name and DBN was given to the school – P.S. 290 (24Q290, “P.S. 290”). This new name and DBN aligns with the building code that the new construction facility on Metropolitan Avenue would likely be assigned. The new name, P.S. 290, is used throughout the remainder of this notice and throughout the Revised Educational Impact Statement.

Beginning in the 2010-2011 school year, P.S. 290 (24Q290, “P.S. 290”) a new school that will serve grades K-5, will open and be temporarily housed in school building Q873 (hereinafter referred to as “Q873”), an annex to school building Q073, located at 70-02 54 Avenue, Queens in Community School District 24 (“District 24”).

While it is housed in Q873, P.S. 290 will be an elementary school option open to students residing in the P.S. 153 Maspeth Elem (24Q153, “P.S. 153”) and P.S. 071 Forest (24Q071, “P.S. 71”) zones. P.S. 290 will open with approximately 50-75 Kindergarten students in 2010-2011, and will phase-in one new grade per year until it grows to its full scale with approximately 270-350 students in grades Kindergarten-5 in 2015-2016. P.S. 290 will be temporarily co-located in Q873 with I.S. 73 - The Frank Sansivieri Intermediate School (24Q073, “I.S. 73”), an existing

school currently serving grades 6-8 through the 2013-2014 school year. The 2008-2009 target utilization rate of Q873 was 82%, and its target capacity is 425.

While there is space in Q873 for P.S. 290 to serve students at its full K-5 grade scale, P.S. 290 will not remain in Q873 for the long-term. On behalf of the DOE, the School Construction Authority has proposed the acquisition and construction of a new public school facility on a site located at 55-20 Metropolitan Avenue, less than 2 miles away from Q873. Should that proposed site receive all necessary public approvals and once the building occupancy date has been determined, the DOE will propose re-siting P.S. 290 to the new facility in an Educational Impact Statement and submit the proposal to the Panel for Educational Policy for its approval. If P.S. 290 is not able to move to the new facility by the 2014-2015 school year for any reason, the DOE will propose any extension of the co-location of P.S. 290 and I.S. 73 in an Educational Impact Statement and submit the proposal to the Panel for Educational Policy for its approval.

Once P.S. 290 is housed in its permanent site, P.S. 290 will become a zoned elementary school, which will require the creation of a new zone. Zoning decisions require a separate public process and are under the purview of the Community Education Council. The DOE will propose a zone for P.S. 290 to be discussed in public meetings and voted on by the District 24 Community Education Council. The zone for P.S. 290 will be determined the year prior to the scheduled occupancy date of the new building. In addition, P.S. 290 will grow to serve approximately 600 students once housed in its permanent site. Once rezoned, P.S. 290 will accept 100-125 students per year.

I.S. 73 currently houses its grade 6 students in Q873 and its grade 7 and 8 students in its main building, Q073. The 2008-2009 target utilization rate of Q073 was 86%, and its target capacity is 1,554. There are no other schools housed in Q073. The enrollment of I.S. 73 has been steadily decreasing over the past several years. I.S. 73 enrolls students in both 6th and 7th grade, as it has K-5 and K-6 feeder elementary schools. Two of I.S. 73's feeder elementary schools, P.S. 049 Dorothy Bonawit Kole (24Q049, "P.S. 49") and P.S. 102 Bayview (24Q102, "P.S. 102") are currently expanding to K-8, which is contributing to the decline in I.S. 73's enrollment. In fact, I.S. 73's current 7th grade class is much smaller than its current 8th grade class. This year, I.S. 73 will graduate approximately 715 grade 8 students, while grade 7 contains approximately 590 students. Due to the matriculation of this large 8th grade class and I.S. 73's lower enrollment trends, particularly in the 7th grade, there will be space in Q073 for I.S. 73 to begin gradually transferring back some of the 6th grade sections that are currently served at Q873 to Q073 in order to create space in Q873 for P.S. 290. Eventually, all of I.S. 73's 6th grade sections will be served in the main building.

Based on current enrollment trends, Q873 will have sufficient space for the phase-in of P.S. 290 and for some of I.S. 73's 6th grade sections. Q073 has sufficient space for I.S. 73 to eventually serve all of its grades in the building. The combined projected enrollment in 2010-2011 for P.S. 290 and I.S. 73 is approximately 1,650, and the combined capacity of Q073 and Q873 is 1,979. At scale, the projected enrollment of I.S. 73 is 1,500-1,550 and the capacity of Q073 is 1,554; the projected enrollment of P.S. 290 is 270-350 and the capacity of Q873 is 425.

The co-location of P.S. 290 in Q873 addresses the need to immediately begin to relieve elementary school overcrowding in District 24. Specifically, the Metropolitan Avenue site for P.S. 290 is in close proximity to P.S. 153 and P.S. 71, which will position P.S. 290 to most effectively relieve the overcrowding at these two elementary schools.

II. Summary of all public comments received following the initial public notice.

The public comments received are summarized as follows: (1) a civic association opposes the co-location because of concerns that it will negatively impact quality of life for the community and exacerbate traffic and congestion in the area; (2) despite the fact that I.S. 73 is under capacity, co-locating a new K-5 school in Q873 will create more problems including adding more students to a congested area; and (3) there are problems with students from I.S. 73 in the community including increased fights, vandalism, litter and graffiti and the schools in the Maspeth community are being used as a dumping ground for students from other districts that are overcapacity.

At the District 24 Community Education Council (CEC) public meeting on March 23, 2010 the CEC asked Portfolio to reconsider locally zoning P.S. 290 in the Q873 building given the feedback from the community. Further, the CEC asked Portfolio to consider relocating P.S. 290 to the Metropolitan Avenue site and locally zoning P.S. 290 at that time.

A few reviewers suggested the following alternatives: (1) have P.S. 153 return to a K-5 status and send their students entering grade 6 and 7 to I.S. 73; (2) Use seats at P.S. 128's annex next year to relieve P.S. 153 and move 1-2 Kindergarten classes from P.S. 153 into P.S. 229.

III. Information regarding where the full text of the proposed item may be obtained.

The [Revised Educational Impact Statement](#) can be found on the Department of Education's Web site:

http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/April_Vote

The Revised Educational Impact Statement is also available at the I.S. 73Q main office located at 70-02 54th Avenue, Queens and at the District 24 office located at I.S. 061 Leonardo Da Vinci: 98-50 50th Avenue, Corona, NY 11368.

IV. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D24Proposals@schools.nyc.gov.

Oral comments can be left at 718-935-4198.

V. 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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VI. Date, time and place of joint public hearing for this proposal.

April 14, 2010 at 6:30pm
70-02 54th Avenue, Queens

There will be no question and answer period. Questions about the proposal can 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.

VI. Date, time and place of the PEP meeting at which the Board will vote on the proposed item.

April 20, 2010
6:00pm
Prospect Heights High School
883 Classon Avenue, Brooklyn