



Notice
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Chancellor

The Proposed Opening and Co-location of New High School 07X259 with existing schools Samuel Gompers Career and Technical Education High School (07X655), Mott Haven Community High School (07X557) and New Visions Charter High School for the Humanities II (84X208) in Building X655, beginning in 2013-2014

I. Description of the subject and purpose of the proposed item under consideration.

The New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) is proposing to open and co-locate 07X259, a new district Career and Technical Education (“CTE”) high school, on the Samuel Gompers Educational Campus in school building X655 (“X655”) located at 455 Southern Boulevard, Bronx, NY 10455, within the geographical confines of Community School District 7 (“District 7”). The proposed new high school, 07X259, will offer rigorous CTE programming in the Health Science career path, which is designed to prepare students for post-secondary college and careers. If this proposal is approved, 07X259 will be co-located in Building X655 with Samuel Gompers Career and Technical Education High School (07X655, “Samuel Gompers”), an existing high school that is in the process of phasing out and will close following the 2014-2015 school year; Mott Haven Community High School (07X557, “Mott Haven Community”), a transfer school that serves students between the ages of 16 and 21 and does not organize students by grades; and New Visions Charter High School for the Humanities II (84X208, “HUM II”), an existing public charter high school that currently serves students in ninth grade and will reach its full scale of ninth through twelfth grades in 2015-2016. A “co-location” means that two or more school organizations are located in the same building and may share common spaces like auditoriums, gymnasiums, and cafeterias.

The proposed co-location of 07X259 in building X655 is part of the DOE’s central goal to create new school options that will better serve future students and the community at large and to replace the seats lost by the Samuel Gompers phase-out. 07X259 will offer a rigorous academic program with a CTE course of study to prepare students for post-secondary work. The school will be open to students through the Citywide High School Admissions Process and will have a limited unscreened admissions method with priority for students residing in the Bronx.

07X259 will provide a six-year Early College program, meaning that it will serve students in ninth through twelfth grades, and students in the twelfth grade who have finished their high school graduation requirements will have the option of staying for a fifth and sixth year. During these two years, students will have the opportunity to intern at local health facilities and enroll in off-site classes at Hostos Community College of The City University of New York (“CUNY”) and Bronx Community College of CUNY. Students will primarily complete their studies at these off-site partnerships and will only occasionally be on the Samuel Gompers campus.

According to the 2011-2012 Enrollment Capacity Utilization Report (“Blue Book”), building X655 has a target capacity of 1,368 students. However, during the current 2012-2013 school year the building serves a total of 709 students, yielding a building utilization rate of 52%. This means that the building is “underutilized” and has space to accommodate additional students.

If this proposal is approved, the new school will open during the 2013-2014 school year, when it will serve approximately 105-115 students in the ninth grade. 07X259 will gradually phase in by adding one grade per year. The school is expected to reach full scale in 2018-2019 and will serve approximately 630-690 students in grades nine through twelve. For purposes of the Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”), students participating in the six-year Early College program have been designated as twelfth-graders during their fifth and sixth years.

In 2018-2019, once Samuel Gompers has completed its phase-out and Mott Haven Community, HUM II, and 07X259 have reached full scale, there will be approximately 1,440-1,600 students served in the building, yielding a building utilization rate of approximately 105%-117% as is discussed in Section III.B of the EIS and in the Building Utilization Plan (“BUP”). However, it is important to note that this range of 105-117% represents the DOE’s most conservative estimate of building utilization, and is in fact an over-estimation, as it includes 210-230 students in their fifth and sixth year of 07X259’s six-year Early College program who will primarily complete their studies at off-site classes and health facilities, and will only occasionally be on the Samuel Gompers campus, but whose use of the building cannot presently be perfectly estimated. Two additional classrooms will be allocated to 07X259 for use by fifth- and sixth-year students on an as-needed basis, but the DOE does not believe that those students will increase the day-to-day building utilization rate as significantly as the 105-117% range suggests.

The DOE strongly believes in the importance of CTE education and supports the opening of a new high school in the X655 building that will offer Health Science CTE programming. As described in the last year’s proposal to phase out Samuel Gompers, the DOE has been eager to bring new CTE opportunities to X655 to serve District 7 families; the co-location of 07X259 will help meet that goal.

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

The Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) and Building Utilization Plan (“BUP”) can be found on the Department of Education’s Web site:

<http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2012-2013/Mar112013Proposals.htm>

Copies of the EIS and BUP are also available in the main offices of Samuel Gompers, Mott Haven Community, and HUM II.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D07Proposals@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.

January 23, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.
Building X655
455 Southern Boulevard
Bronx, NY 10455

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.

VI. Should inclement weather or other unforeseen event or emergency prevent the January 23, 2013 hearing from taking place, the joint public hearing would take place (as feasible) on the alternate schedule noted directly below.

Alternate Date: January 30, 2013
Alternate Time: 6:00 PM
Alternate Where: Building X655
455 Southern Boulevard
Bronx, NY 104552474

Please reserve both the original scheduled and alternate dates, times, and locations in your calendars. Should the hearing scheduled for January 23, 2013 or the alternate date of January 30, 2013 require rescheduling to accommodate the needs of the impacted School Leadership Teams and Community Education Council, the DOE will post notice here: <http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2012-2013/Mar112013Proposals.htm>

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

March 11, 2013 at 6:00pm
Brooklyn Technical High School
29 Fort Greene Pl.
Brooklyn, NY 11217