



Notice  
January 11, 2013

Dennis M. Walcott  
Chancellor

## **The Proposed Phase-Out of P.S. 64 Pura Belpre (09X064) 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 phase out P.S. 64 Pura Belpre (09X064, “P.S. 64”), an existing elementary school in building X064 (“X064”) and Temporary Classroom Unit (“TCU”) X924 (“X924”) located at 1425 Walton Avenue, Bronx, NY 10452, in Community School District 9 (“District 9”). It currently serves students in kindergarten through fifth grades and offers a Spanish dual-language program. The DOE is proposing to phase out P.S. 64 based on its poor performance and the DOE’s assessment that the school lacks the capacity to improve quickly to better support student needs. In a separate Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) also posted on January 11, 2013, the DOE is proposing to co-locate two new zoned elementary schools in building X064, 09X294 and 09X311, which will serve students in kindergarten through fifth grades when they reach full scale in 2016-2017. This proposal can be found here: <http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2012-2013/Mar112013PEP.htm>.

If this proposal is approved, P.S. 64 will no longer admit new kindergarten students and will no longer offer kindergarten through second grades beginning in the 2013-2014 school year. Beginning in the 2013-2014 school year, after P.S. 64’s kindergarten, first, and second grades have been phased out, P.S. 64 will serve one less grade in each subsequent year until it completes its phase-out and closes in June 2016.

If this proposal and the related new school co-location proposal are approved, current zoned students in kindergarten and first grade—whether or not they meet promotional standards—will be served by two new, smaller zoned elementary schools, 09X294 and 09X311, that will open in building X064. The Office of Student Enrollment (“OSE”) will work with these students to determine in which school, 09X294 or 09X311, they will enroll. These two new school options are proposed in a separate EIS, which can be found at: <http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2012-2013/Mar112013PEP.htm>.

Current students in second grade who meet promotional standards will continue to progress at P.S. 64. However, any students who do not meet promotional requirements will repeat second grade at 09X294 or 09X311. OSE will work with these students to determine in which school, 09X294 or 09X311, they will enroll.

Current students in third and fourth grades will continue their education at P.S. 64, regardless of whether they meet promotional standards. Current fifth-graders will proceed to apply to middle school via the District 9 Middle School Choice process, unless they do not meet promotional standards, in which case they will continue fifth grade at P.S. 64. In cases where students do not meet promotional requirements by June 2016, they will be served in 09X294 or 09X311.

In addition, due to the existing Spanish dual-language program at P.S. 64 and the high percentage of Spanish speaking English Language Learner (“ELL”) students in P.S. 64’s current zone, the DOE intends to offer a Spanish dual-language program at 09X311, though ELL programming offered at a given school is always subject to demand.

If the proposal to open 09X294 and 09X311 is approved, they will serve as new zoned elementary school options for District 9 families and replace the zoned seats lost by the proposed phase-out of P.S. 64. The new schools will offer priority to students residing in building X064’s residential zone. Future students residing in building X064’s residential zone will enroll in one of the new zoned elementary schools, 09X294 or 09X311, in accordance with Chancellor’s Regulation A-101. Families will be asked to indicate their preference for 09X294 or 09X311 on an application. If all relevant proposals are approved, 09X294 and 09X311 will be co-located in X064 with P.S. 64 as it phases out.

## **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/2012-2013/Mar112013Proposals.htm>

Copies of the EIS are also available in P.S. 64’s main office.

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

Written comments can be sent to [D09Proposals@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:D09Proposals@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.**

Name: Jean-Pierre Jacquet  
Office: Division of Portfolio Planning  
Address: 52 Chambers Street, New York, NY 10007  
Email: [D09Proposals@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:D09Proposals@schools.nyc.gov) Phone: 212-374-5159

## **V. Date, time and place of joint public hearings for this proposal.**

February 21, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

P.S. 64  
1425 Walton Avenue  
Bronx, NY 10452

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 its start.

**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 6:00 p.m.

Brooklyn Technical High School  
29 Fort Greene Pl.  
Brooklyn, NY 11217