



Notice
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Chancellor

The Proposed Opening and Co-location of A New Secondary School, 09X350, with The Urban Assembly Academy for History and Citizenship for Young Men (09X239), Bronx Collegiate Academy (09X227), DreamYard Preparatory School (09X329), Bronx High School of Business (09X412), Bronx High School for Medical Science (09X413), Jonathan Levin High School for Media and Communications (09X414), and Claremont International (09X564) in School Building X410, 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 09X350, a new secondary school, in school building X410 (“X410”), the William Howard Taft Educational Campus (“Taft Campus”), beginning in the 2013-2014 school year. The Taft Campus is located at 240 East 172nd Street, Bronx, NY 10457, within the geographical confines of Community School District 9 (“District 9”). The proposed new secondary school, 09X350, will serve students in grades six through twelve with an educational program designed to serve overage middle school students and support them through the completion of high school.

If this proposal is approved, 09X350 will be co-located with the following seven district schools: Urban Assembly Academy for History and Citizenship for Young Men (09X239, “UAA History and Citizenship”), an existing high school serving students in grades eleven and twelve, which is phasing out; Bronx Collegiate Academy (09X227, “Bronx Collegiate”), an existing high school serving students in grades nine through twelve; DreamYard Preparatory School (09X329, “DreamYard”), an existing high school serving students in grades nine through twelve; Bronx High School of Business (09X412, “School of Business”), an existing high school serving students in grades nine through twelve; Bronx High School for Medical Science (09X413, “School for Medical Science”), an existing secondary school serving students in grades six through twelve; Jonathan Levin High School for Media and Communications (09X414, “Levin High School”), an existing high school serving students in grades nine through twelve, and Claremont International High School (09X564, “Claremont International”), a new school that opened with ninth grade in September 2012 and which is in the process of phasing in to serve

grades nine through twelve. In addition, building X410 houses a school-based health center operated by the Montefiore Medical Center (“Montefiore Health Center”) and a Living for the Young Family Through Education (“LYFE”) program.

In a separate Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”), also posted on January 11, 2013, the DOE proposed to phase out and eventually close Levin High School after an extensive review of data and community feedback indicating that the school is unable to improve despite numerous efforts to enhance instruction and school organization. That EIS can be accessed on the DOE’s Web site at <http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2012-2013/Mar112013Proposals.htm>.

If the Panel for Education Policy (“PEP”) approves the proposal to phase out Levin High School, the school will no longer admit new ninth-grade students after the end of this school year. However, Levin High School will continue to serve students currently enrolled in the school. Levin High School’s enrollment will decrease gradually over the next three years, and the school will complete phasing out in June 2016. In the event that the phase-out of Levin High School is not approved, the DOE will re-examine the availability of space in the building, and may, as appropriate, revise its proposal to co-locate 09X350 in X410. Such a revised proposal will be described in a revised EIS.

Additionally, Claremont International—an international school geared toward serving English Language Learners (“ELLs”)—will serve students in grades nine through twelve when it reaches full scale in the 2015-2016 school year. The opening and co-location of the school was approved by the PEP on March 21, 2012. UAA History and Citizenship began phasing-out in September 2011 pursuant to a proposal that was approved by the PEP on February 1, 2011. The DOE proposed to phase out and eventually close UAA History and Citizenship due to its poor performance. The school will close at the conclusion of the 2013-2014 school year.

The proposed opening and co-location of 09X350 in X410 is part of the DOE’s central goal to create new school options that will better serve future students and the community at large. If this proposal is approved, 09X350 will offer a rigorous academic program designed to help students who are one or more year behind their expected age and credit accumulation while at the middle school level. At the high school level, 09X350 will continue to support these students as they progress towards graduation. Similar options exist in the form of transfer high schools. However, unlike transfer high schools, 09X350 will not require applicants to have previously attended another DOE school and it will be the first school of its kind to create specific programs for students who are one or more year(s) over the expected age for their given grade in middle school. Detailed information about the proposed admissions criteria for 09X350 can be found in Section III of the EIS.

If this proposal is approved, the new school will open during the 2013-2014 school year, when it will serve approximately 100-120 sixth- and seventh-grade students. 09X350 will then add an eighth-grade component in 2014-2015, ninth- and tenth-grade components in 2015-2016, and eleventh- and twelfth-grade components in 2016-2017. The school’s enrollment will continue to grow until it reaches full scale in 2018-2019, at which point 09X350 will serve 350-420 students in grades six through twelve.

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 the main offices of Urban Assembly for History and Citizenship, Bronx Collegiate Academy, DreamYard Prep, Bronx HS of Business, Bronx HS for Medical Science, Jonathan Levin HS for Media Communications, and Claremont International.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to 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.

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

Wednesday, February 13, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.
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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.

March 11, 2013 at 6:00pm

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