Notice
January 11, 2013

Dennis M. Walcott
Chancellor

The Proposed Phase-out of Jonathan Levin High School for Media and Communications (09X414) 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 Jonathan Levin High School for Media and Communications (09X414, "Levin High School"), an existing high school located in school building X410 on the William Howard Taft Educational Campus ("X410" or "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"). Levin High School currently serves students in grades nine through twelve. The DOE is proposing to phase out the school based on its poor performance and the DOE's assessment that it 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 a new secondary school, 09X350, in building X410. That proposal can be found here: http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2012-2013/Mar112013Proposals.htm.

If this phase-out proposal is approved, Levin High School will no longer admit new ninth-grade students after the conclusion of the 2012-2013 school year. The school will continue to phase out one grade level at a time until it closes at the conclusion of the 2015-2016 school year. Current students will be supported as they progress towards graduation while remaining enrolled at Levin High School. In cases where students do not complete graduation requirements by June 2016, the DOE will help students and families identify alternative programs or schools that meet students' needs so that they may continue their education after Levin High School completes phasing out.

Levin High School is co-located with the following six district schools: The 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; and Claremont International High School (09X564, "Claremont International"), a new school that opened with ninth grade in September 2012 and is in the process of phasing in. 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.

Claremont International, an international school designed to meet the needs of 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 Panel for Educational Policy ("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.

If this phase-out proposal is approved, Levin High School will continue serving currently enrolled students, but will begin phasing out one grade at a time beginning in September 2013, and complete its phase-out at the conclusion of the 2015-2016 school year.
In another EIS, the DOE is proposing to open a new school, 09X350, in building X410 in September 2013. The proposal can be found at:
http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2012-2013/Mar112013Proposals.htm. 09X350 will serve students in grades six through twelve and will offer an educational program geared towards serving over-aged middle school students and supporting them through high school. It will phase in over a four year period, opening with sixth- and seventh-grade components in 2013-2014, adding an eighth-grade component in 2014-2015, adding ninth- and tenth-grade components in 2015-2016, and adding 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.

Name: Henry Smith
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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.
Jonathan Levin HS
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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
Brooklyn Technical High School
29 Fort Greene Pl
Brooklyn, NY 11217