



Notice  
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Chancellor

## **The Proposed Opening and Co-location of a New Middle School (11X355) with Existing Schools M.S. 142 John Philip Sousa (11X142), One World Middle School (11X529) and Baychester Middle School (11X532) in Building X142 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 co-locate a new middle school, 11X355 (“11X355”), in building X142 located at 3750 Baychester Avenue, Bronx, NY 10466, in Community School District 11 (“District 11”). If this proposal is approved, 11X355 will be co-located in building X142 (“X142”) with M.S. 142 John Philip Sousa (11X142, “M.S. 142”), One World Middle School at Edenwald (11X529, “One World”) and Baychester Middle School (11X532, “Baychester”), three existing middle schools serving students in grades six through eight. 11X355 will serve students in sixth through eighth grades and will admit students through a Campus Choice Admissions method through the District 11 Middle School Choice Process, offering priority to students residing in the building X142 residential zone. If this proposal is approved, 11X355 will begin enrolling sixth grade students in 2013-2014 and will add one grade per year until it is at full scale and serves students in sixth through eighth grades in 2015-2016.

In a separate Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”), posted on January 11, 2013, the DOE has proposed to gradually phase-out and eventually close M.S. 142 because of its low performance and inability to improve quickly to better support student needs. If the phase-out proposal is approved, M.S. 142 will no longer admit sixth grade students after the conclusion of the 2012-2013 school year. One grade will then be phased-out each subsequent year. During the 2013-2014 school year, M.S. 142 will serve students in seventh and eighth grades and, in 2014-2015, it will only serve students in eighth grade. M.S. 142 will close in June 2015.

If this proposal is approved, 11X355, One World, and Baychester will be zoned campus choice middle schools that will serve students in sixth through eighth grades. 11X355, One World, and Baychester will admit students through the District 11 Middle School Choice process and offer priority to students residing in the X142 zone through a Campus Choice Admissions method, in which all students zoned to the X142 building will have priority for a seat in the building and will have the opportunity to rank the three schools in order of preference. Students will then be

matched to one of the three schools, or another District 11 middle school through the District 11 middle school choice process operated by the Office of Student Enrollment (“OSE”).

According to the 2011-2012 Enrollment, Capacity, Utilization Report (“Blue Book”), X142 has a target capacity of 1,214 students. During the current 2012-2013 school year the building serves approximately 866 students, yielding a building utilization rate of 71%.

In 2015-2016, once M.S. 142 has completed its phase-out and 11X355 is at full scale, it is projected that there will be approximately 1,020-1,110 students served in X142, thereby yielding an estimated building utilization rate of approximately 84%-91%.

If this proposal is approved, 11X355 will provide a new educational option for families in District 11 and replace the middle school seats that will be lost as a result of the phase-out and eventual closure of M.S. 142. As explained in an EIS approved by the Panel for Educational Policy (“PEP”) on February 17, 2011 (posted on the DOE web site here: [http://schools.nyc.gov/NR/rdonlyres/50D0EA27-11B7-4F3C-9E534ACED95E34C6/0/EIS\\_NewSchools142\\_final.pdf](http://schools.nyc.gov/NR/rdonlyres/50D0EA27-11B7-4F3C-9E534ACED95E34C6/0/EIS_NewSchools142_final.pdf)), M.S. 142 is in the process of reducing its overall enrollment as two district choice middle schools phase into the X142 building. As such, 11X355 will have an enrollment that more closely aligns with the proposed enrollment for M.S. 142, as detailed in the EIS posted in February 2011, than with M.S. 142’s current enrollment.

## **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 M.S. 142 John, One World, and Baychester.

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

Written comments can be sent to [D11Proposals@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:D11Proposals@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 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 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.

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