



Notice
January 11, 2013

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Chancellor

The Proposed Opening and Co-location of a New Elementary School (28Q218) with Existing School P.S. 140 Edward K. Ellington (28Q140) in Building Q140 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 elementary school, 28Q218 (“28Q218”), in building Q140 and temporary classroom unit (“TCU”) Q954 located at 166-01 116th Avenue, Queens, NY 11434, in Community School District 28 (“District 28”). If this proposal is approved, 28Q218 will be co-located in building Q140 with P.S. 140 Edward K. Ellington (28Q140, “P.S. 140”); an existing zoned elementary school serving students in grades kindergarten through five, and which offers a pre-kindergarten program. 28Q218 will serve students in kindergarten through fifth grade and will admit students through zoned enrollment, offering priority to students residing in the building Q140 residential zone. If this proposal is approved, 28Q218 will begin enrolling students in kindergarten, first grade, and second grade in 2013-2014 and will add one grade per year until it is at full scale and serves students in kindergarten through fifth grade in 2016-2017. 28Q218 will also offer a pre-kindergarten program, subject to continued demand and the availability of funding.

For the purposes of this EIS describing the proposal to open and co-locate 28Q218, it is assumed that the proposal to phase-out P.S. 140 will be approved by the Panel for Educational Policy (“PEP”). If the proposal to phase-out P.S. 140 is not approved, the DOE will not open 28Q218.

In a separate Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”), published on January 11, 2013, the DOE has proposed to gradually phase out and eventually close P.S. 140 because of its low performance and inability to improve quickly to better support student needs. The EIS describing that proposal can be found here:

<http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2012-2013/Mar112013Proposals.htm>. If the phase-out proposal is approved, P.S. 140 will no longer admit kindergarten, first grade, and second 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, P.S. 140 will serve students in third through fifth grades and would serve one less grade in each subsequent year until it completes its phase-out and closes at the completion of the 2015-2016 school year.

In 2012-2013, building Q140 and TCU Q954 serve 637 students, yielding a building utilization

rate of 63%. In 2016-2017, once P.S. 140 has completed its phase-out and 28Q218 is at full scale, it is projected that there will be approximately 606-666 students served in Q140, thereby yielding a estimated building utilization rate of approximately 76-84%.

If this proposal is approved, 28Q218 will replace the elementary school seats that will be lost as a result of the phase-out and eventual closure of P.S. 140 and will provide a new educational option for families in District 28.

Background on the DOE's Decision-Making Process

The DOE has provided more detail on the decision to phase out and close P.S. 140 in a separate EIS, which can be found on the DOE's web site at:

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

The DOE strives to ensure that all students in New York City have access to a high quality school at every stage of their education. Therefore, based on the details provided in the link above, the DOE believes that only the most serious intervention—the gradual phase-out and eventual closure of P.S. 140—will address the school's longstanding struggles and allow for new school options to develop in building Q140 that will better serve future students and the broader community.

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. 140 Edward K Ellington main office.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D28Proposals@schools.nyc.gov

Oral comments can be left at 212-374-7621.

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

Friday , Feb 22, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.
P.S. 140 Edward K Ellington
166-01 116 Avenue
Queens, NY 11434

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 6:00 pm

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