



Notice
January 11, 2013

Dennis M. Walcott
Chancellor

The Proposed Co-location of The New American Academy Charter School (84KTBD) in Building K415 with Existing Schools Kurt Hahn Expeditionary School (18K569), It Takes a Village Academy (18K563), and Cultural Academy for Arts and Sciences (18K629) Beginning in the 2013-2014 School Year

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 public charter school, The New American Academy Charter School (84KTBD, “New American”), which will serve students in kindergarten through fifth grade, in building K415 (“K415”), which is located at 5800 Tilden Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11203, in Community School District 18, beginning in the 2013-2014 school year. K415 currently houses Kurt Hahn Expeditionary Learning School (18K569, “Kurt Hahn”), It Takes a Village Academy (18K563, “It Takes a Village”), and Cultural Academy for the Arts and Sciences (18K629, “Cultural Academy”). All three existing district high schools serve students in grades nine through twelve. If this proposal is approved, New American will be co-located in K415 with Kurt Hahn, It Takes a Village, and Cultural Academy.

New American is a new public charter school that is authorized by its charter authorizer, New York State Education Department (“SED”), to serve kindergarten through fifth grades. New American will open with kindergarten and first grade in 2013-2014 and will add one grade each year until it serves students in kindergarten through fifth grade in 2017-2018. The school will admit students via the charter lottery application process, with a preference given to District 18 residents.

According to the 2011-2012 Enrollment Capacity Utilization Report (“Blue Book”), K415 has the capacity to serve a total of 2,118 students. In 2012-2013, Kurt Hahn is serving 279 students in ninth through twelfth grade, It Takes a Village is serving 420 students in ninth through twelfth grade, and Cultural Academy is serving 305 students in ninth through twelfth grade, yielding a building utilization rate of 47%. This means that the building is “underutilized” and has space to accommodate additional students. If this proposal is approved, in 2017-2018, once New American’s kindergarten through fifth grades have fully phased in and the school has reached full scale, New American is projected to serve 340-410 students, Kurt Hahn is projected to serve 260-300 students, It Takes a Village is projected to serve 400-440 students, and Cultural

Academy is projected to serve 285-325 students, for a total of 1,285-1,475 students, yielding a building utilization rate of approximately 61%-70%.

Background on the DOE's Decision-Making Process

The DOE strives to ensure that all students in New York City have access to a diverse range of high-quality schools at every stage of their education. To this end, each year, the DOE evaluates public school buildings throughout the City that are “underutilized” or have extra space to accommodate additional students. Building K415 in District 18 is currently “underutilized.” Therefore, the DOE is proposing to co-locate New American, a new public elementary charter school, with Kurt Hahn, It Takes a Village, and Cultural Academy. The opening of New American is intended to create an additional high-quality educational option for families in District 18.

II. Information regarding where the full text of the proposed item may be obtained.

The Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) and Building Utilization Plan (“BUP”) can be found on the Department of Education’s Web site:

<http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2012-2013/Mar2013Proposals.htm>

Copies of the EIS and BUP are also available in Kurt Hahn Expeditionary School, It Takes a Village Academy, and Cultural Academy for Arts and Sciences’ main offices.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D18Proposals@schools.nyc.gov

Oral comments can be left at 212-374-0208.

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: Stephen Demers
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Address: 52 Chambers Street, New York, NY 10007
Email: D18Proposals@schools.nyc.gov
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V. Date, time and place of joint public hearings for this proposal.

Wednesday, February 20, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.
Samuel J. Tilden Educational Campus
5800 Tilden Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11203

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.

Please reserve both the scheduled date, time, and location in your calendar. Should the hearing scheduled for February 20, 2013 require rescheduling to accommodate the needs of the impacted School Leadership Teams and Community and/or Citywide Education Councils, the DOE will post notice here: <http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2012-2013/Mar2013Proposals.htm>

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