



**Notice**  
January 18, 2013

**Dennis M. Walcott**  
*Chancellor*

## **The Proposed Opening and Co-location of New High School, 02M139, with Murry Bergtraum High School for Business Careers (02M520) in School Building M520, 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 02M139, a new district high school, in school building M520 (“M520”) with existing school Murry Bergtraum High School for Business Careers (02M520, “Bergtraum”) beginning in the 2013-2014 school year. M520 is located at 411 Pearl Street, Manhattan NY 10038, within the geographical confines of Community School District 2 (“District 2”). The proposed new high school, 02M139, will offer a rigorous program with a career and technical education component that will prepare students for post-secondary education and work. If this proposal is approved, 02M139 will be co-located with Bergtraum, an existing high school serving students in grades nine through twelve.

Separately, Bergtraum will undergo a planned enrollment reduction beginning in September 2014. Between the 2014-2015 and 2017-2018 school years, Bergtraum’s enrollment will decline by approximately 400-450 students. This enrollment reduction will take place regardless of whether the proposal to co-locate 02M139 is approved. 02M139 will occupy under-utilized space in M520 as well as the space vacated by Bergtraum’s enrollment reduction.

The proposed opening and co-location of 02M139 in M520 is part of the DOE’s central goal to create new school options that will better serve future students and the community at large. 02M139 would offer a rigorous academic program with a career and technical education (“CTE”) component that would be open to students through the Citywide High School Admissions Process and would have a limited unscreened admissions method giving priority to students residing in Manhattan. (Detailed information about the High School Admissions Process, over-the-counter admissions, and 02M139’s proposed admissions criteria can be found in Section III.A of this proposal.)

According to the 2011-2012 Enrollment, Capacity, Utilization Report (“Blue Book”), M520 has a target capacity of 2,134 students. However the building is currently serving only 1,806 students, yielding a building utilization rate of 85%.

In addition, M520 houses three community-based organizations (“CBOs”), Young Women’s Christian Association (“YWCA NYC”), APEX Inc., and Baruch/BMCC College, as well as offices of the United Federation of Teachers (“UFT”). This proposal is not expected to impact the continued siting of the CBOs or the UFT offices. M520 also houses hearing educational services, which is a self-contained program under the direction of District 75, serving students who are deaf or hard of hearing. This proposal is not expected to impact the hearing educational services currently offered in the M520 building.

If this proposal is approved, 02M139 would open in the 2013-2014 school year, when it would serve approximately 105-115 students in the ninth grade. 02M139 would gradually phase in by adding one grade per year. The school is expected to reach full scale in 2016-2017 and would serve approximately 420-460 students in grades nine through twelve.

In 2017-2018, once Bergtraum has completed its enrollment reduction and 02M139 is at full scale, it is projected that there will be approximately 1,775-1,850 students served in M520, thereby yielding an estimated utilization rate of approximately 83%-87%.

The DOE is proposing to create a new educational option in M520 beginning in September 2013 that will replace the seats lost due to Bergtraum's enrollment reduction beginning in September 2014. 02M139 will offer a rigorous academic program with a career and technical education ("CTE") component designed to equip students with the skills necessary to achieve post-secondary success. The DOE believes that co-locating a new high school in M520 will create a better educational option in the community and borough-wide. Additionally, the DOE is committed to providing high quality CTE programming to students in Manhattan. As such, the new high school proposed for M520 will offer a CTE component, described in greater detail below.

## **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 Bergtraum's main office.

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

Written comments can be sent to [D02Proposals@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:D02Proposals@schools.nyc.gov)

Oral comments can be left at 212-374-3466.

## **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: Jennifer Peng  
Office: Division of Portfolio Planning  
Address: 52 Chambers Street, New York, NY 10007  
Email: [D02Proposals@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:D02Proposals@schools.nyc.gov)  
Phone: 212-374-3466

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

Thursday, February 28, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.  
M520  
411 Pearl Street,  
Manhattan NY, 10038

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