Notice
January 18, 2013

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Chancellor

The Proposed Grade Truncation of Academy for Social Action: A College Board School (05M367) from a 6-12 School to a 9-12 School 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 implement a grade truncation of the middle school grades of Academy for Social Action: A College Board School (05M367, "ASA"), a secondary school currently serving students in sixth through twelfth grade, beginning in 2013-2014. ASA is located in building M043 ("M043") at 509 West 129th Street, New York, NY 10027 in Community School District 5 ("District 5"). If this proposal is approved, ASA will no longer serve students in grades six through eight and will only serve students in grades nine through twelve. ASA is co-located in building M043 with I.S. M286 Renaissance Leadership Academy (05M286, "Renaissance"), an existing middle school that serves students in grades six through eight; The Urban Assembly Institute for New Technologies (05M410, "New Technologies"), an existing middle school that serves students in grades six through eight; and Urban Assembly School for the Performing Arts (05M369, "Performing Arts"), an existing high school that serves students in grades nine through twelve. The DOE is proposing to truncate ASA based on its poor performance and the DOE's assessment that the school lacks the capacity to improve quickly to better support middle school student needs.

In a separate Educational Impact Statement ("EIS") also posted on January 18, 2013, the DOE is proposing to co-locate grades five through eight of Success Academy Charter School – Harlem 2 (84M384, "SA-Harlem 2) in building M043 beginning in 2014-2015. If the proposal to co-locate SA– Harlem 2 in M043 is approved, beginning in 2014-2015 SA – Harlem 2 will serve students in grade five and six in building M043, adding one grade annually until it reaches full scale in M043 in the 2016-2017 school year, with a grade span of five through eight in M043. That proposal can be found here: http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2012-2013/Mar112013PEP.htm.

If this proposal is approved, ASA will no longer enroll sixth-grade students after the conclusion of the 2012-2013 school year; ASA will no longer serve sixth and seventh-grade students after the 2013-2014 school year; and ASA will no longer serve sixth through eighth-grade students following the 2014-2015 school year. In 2015-2016 and beyond, it will serve only students in grades nine through twelve. Current students in grades six through eight will be served and supported by the DOE as they progress towards the completion of middle school while remaining enrolled at ASA. Current and future eighth-grade students who meet promotional requirements will be given priority to enroll in ASA for high school or will apply to another high

school through the Citywide High School Admissions Process. In cases where students do not meet promotional requirements by June 2015 and must repeat a grade no longer offered by ASA, they will be served by another district, borough-wide, or Citywide middle school. Additional information about the District 5 middle school admissions process and ASA admissions is provided in Section III.A of the EIS.

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/Mar112013Proposals.htm

Copies of the EIS and BUP are also available in Academy for Social Action: A College Board School, I.S. M286 Renaissance Leadership Academy, The Urban Assembly Institute for New Technologies, and Urban Assembly School for the Performing Arts main office.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D05Proposals@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: Meera Jain
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V. Date, time and place of joint public hearings for this proposal.

Tuesday, Feburary 26, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.
Academy for Social Action: A College Board School
509 West 129 Street
Manhattan, NY 10027

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

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