



Notice
January 22, 2013

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Chancellor

The Proposed Opening and Co-location of a New Middle School (29Q289) with Existing School P.S. 156 Laurelton (29Q156) in Building Q156 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, 29Q289 (“29Q289”), in building Q156 located at 229-02 137 Avenue, Queens, NY 11413, in Community School District 29 (“District 29”). If this proposal is approved, 29Q289 will be co-located in building Q156 with P.S. 156 Laurelton (29Q156, “P.S. 156”), an existing elementary and middle school serving students in kindergarten through eighth grade. If this proposal is approved, 29Q289 will serve students in sixth through eighth grade and will admit students through the middle school application process administered by the Office of Student Enrollment. 29Q289 will be open to students and residents of District 29 with priority admissions in 2013-2014 only for current fifth-grade students at P.S. 156. If this proposal is approved, 29Q289 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 grade in 2015-2016. In a separate Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) published on January 22, 2013, the DOE has proposed to truncate the middle school grades of P.S. 156 because of its low performance and inability to improve quickly to better support student needs. If the truncation proposal is approved, P.S. 156 will no longer enroll sixth-grade students after the conclusion of the 2012-2013 school year, will no longer serve seventh-grade students following the 2013-2014 school year, and will no longer serve eighth-grade students following the 2014-2015 school year. In 2015-2016 and beyond, it will continue serving students in kindergarten through fifth grade. P.S. 156 will continue to admit kindergarten through fifth-grade students in its zone. A student’s zoned school is determined by his or her home address.

If this proposal is approved, 29Q289 will be a choice middle school open to students and residents of District 29, with priority admissions in 2013-2014 for current fifth grade students at P.S. 156. After the 2013-2014 school year, there will be no priority admissions and the school will be open to students and residents of District 29.

According to the 2011-2012 Enrollment, Capacity, Utilization Report (“Blue Book”), Q156 has a target capacity of 876 students. In 2012-2013, Q156 serves 598 students, yielding a building utilization rate of 68%.

In 2015-2016, once P.S. 156 has completed its truncation and 29Q289 is at full scale, it is

projected that there will be approximately 555-645 students served in Q156, thereby yielding an estimated building utilization rate of approximately 63%-74%.

If this proposal is approved, 29Q289 will replace the middle school seats that will be lost as a result of the truncation of the middle school grades of P.S. 156, and will provide a new educational option for families in District 29.

Background on the DOE's Decision-Making Process

The DOE has provided more detail on the decision to truncate the middle school grade levels of P.S. 156 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. The co-location of 29Q289 in building Q156 is intended to provide an additional option to students and families in District 29 and Queens. As detailed in the P.S. 156 truncation proposal, the DOE has concluded that truncating the middle school grades of P.S. 156 is appropriate due to the school's history of poor performance

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. 156 Laurelton's main office.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D29Proposals@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.

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

February 28, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

229-02 137 Avenue
Queens, NY 11413

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.

VI. 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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