



Notice
January 22, 2013

Dennis M. Walcott
Chancellor

The Proposed Opening and Co-location of a New Elementary School (12X314) with Existing School P.S. 050 Clara Barton (12X050) in Building X050 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, 12X314 (“12X314”), in building X050 located at 1550 VYSE Avenue, Bronx, NY 10460 in Community School District 12 (“District 12”). If this proposal is approved, 12X314 will be co-located in building X050 with P.S. 050 Clara Barton (12X050, “P.S. 050”), an existing elementary school serving students in kindergarten through fifth grade. Additionally, P.S. 050 offers a pre-kindergarten program. 12X314 will serve students in kindergarten through fifth grade and will offer a pre-kindergarten program (pending continued demand and availability of funding). 12X314 will admit students according to standard zoned admissions priorities as described in Chancellor’s Regulation A-101. If this proposal is approved, 12X314 will begin enrolling kindergarten, first, and second grade students in 2013-2014, as well as offering a pre-kindergarten program, and will add one grade per year until the school has reached full scale and serves students in kindergarten through fifth grade in 2016-2017.

In a separate Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”), published in January 2013, the DOE has proposed to gradually phase out and eventually close P.S. 050 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. 050 will no longer admit kindergarten, first, and second grade students after the conclusion of the 2012-2013 school year, and will cease offering its pre-kindergarten program. One grade will then be phased out each subsequent year. During the 2013-2014 school year, P.S. 050 will serve students in third, fourth, and fifth grade; in 2014-2015, it will serve students in fourth and fifth grade; and in 2015-2016, P.S. 050 will serve students in fifth grade. The school will close after June 2016.

If this co-location proposal is approved, 12X314 will open in X050 as a zoned district elementary school serving the same zone as P.S. 050. In the 2013-2014 school year, 12X314 will serve kindergarten, first, and second grade students who would have otherwise attended P.S. 050 if it were not being phased out. 12X314 will then expand one grade each year until it reaches full scale in 2016-2017 and serves students in kindergarten through fifth grade. 12X314 will also offer a pre-kindergarten program, subject to continued demand and funding.

According to the 2011-2012 Enrollment, Capacity, Utilization Report (“Blue Book”), in 2012-2013, X050 had a target capacity of 709 students, but the building served only 440 students, yielding a building utilization rate of 62%. This means that the building is “under-utilized” and has extra space to accommodate additional students.

In 2016-2017, once P.S. 050 has completed its phase-out and 12X314 reaches full scale, it is projected that there will be approximately 351-411 students served in X050, thereby yielding an estimated building utilization rate of approximately 50%-58%. The DOE anticipates that building X050 will still have excess space once P.S. 050 has completed its phase-out and 12X314 has completed its phase-in. The DOE plans to propose the co-location of an additional elementary school in X050 in the future. Any such significant changes in school utilization will be described in a separate EIS in accordance with Chancellor’s Regulation A-190.

12X314 will replace the majority of elementary school seats that will be lost as a result of the phase-out and eventual closure of P.S. 050 and will provide a new educational option for families in District 12. As discussed below, while there will be fewer zoned seats than P.S. 050 currently offers, the DOE anticipates that 12X314 will be able to accommodate the current demand from zoned families.

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 the main office of P.S. 050 Clara Barton

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to: D12Proposals@schools.nyc.gov

Oral comments can be left at: **212-374-5159**

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.

Monday, February 25, 2013 at 6:00 pm

1550 VYSE Avenue
Bronx, NY10460

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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