



**Notice**  
January 22, 2013

**Dennis M. Walcott**  
*Chancellor*

## **The Proposed Opening and Co-location of a New Elementary School (23K559) and a New Middle School (23K664) with Existing School P.S. 73 Thomas S. Boyland in Building K073 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 (23K559, “New Elementary School”) and a new middle school (23K664, “New Middle School”) in building K073 located at 251 McDougal Street, Brooklyn, NY 11233, in Community School District 23 (“District 23”). If this proposal is approved, New Elementary School and New Middle School will be co-located in building K073 with P.S. 73 Thomas Boyland (23K073, “P.S. 73”), an existing school that currently serves kindergarten through eighth grade students and has a pre-kindergarten program.

In a separate Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”), published on January 22, 2013, the DOE has proposed to gradually phase-out and eventually close P.S. 73 because of its low performance and inability to improve quickly to better support student needs. If that proposal is approved, P.S. 73 will be phased out gradually over the next several years and will no longer admit new kindergarten, first grade, second grade, or sixth grade students at the end of this school year. Additionally, after the end of this year, P.S. 73 will not offer its pre-kindergarten program. In 2013-2014, P.S. 73 will only serve students in third, fourth, fifth, seventh, and eighth grades; in 2014-2015, P.S. 73 will only serve students in fourth, fifth, and eighth grades; in 2015-2016, P.S. 73 will only serve students in fifth grade. P.S. 73 will close in June 2016.

If this proposal is approved, New Elementary School will open in K073 as a choice district elementary school. New Elementary School, like all District 23 elementary schools, will enroll students through the District 23 Elementary School Choice Process. Additional information about the District 23 Elementary School Choice process is provided in Section III.A of this proposal. In the 2013-2014 school year, New Elementary School will serve the kindergarten, first, and second grade students who may otherwise have attended P.S. 73 if it were not being phased out. New Elementary School will also offer a pre-kindergarten program. New Elementary School will then expand by one grade each year until it reaches full scale and serves students in kindergarten through fifth grades in 2016-2017.

If this proposal is approved, New Middle School will also open in K073 and will admit students through the District 23 Middle School Choice Process with an unscreened admissions method.

For the 2013-2014 school year, New Middle School will offer priority to continuing P.S. 73 fifth grade students. For the 2014-2015 school year and beyond, this priority will no longer exist. Additional information about the District 23 Middle School Choice process is provided in Section III.A of this proposal. New Middle School will begin enrolling sixth grade students in 2013-2014 and will add one grade per year until it reaches full scale and serves students in sixth through eighth grades in 2015-2016.

During the years that P.S. 73 is phasing out, New Elementary School, New Middle School, and P.S. 73 will be co-located in K073. Once P.S. 73 has completed its phase-out, New Elementary School and New Middle School will be the only schools co-located in K073.

According to the 2011-2012 Enrollment, Capacity, Utilization Report (“Blue Book”), in 2012-2013, K073 has a target capacity of 778 students, but the building is serving only 421 students, yielding a building utilization rate of 54%.

In 2016-2017, once P.S. 73 has completed its phase-out and New Elementary School and New Middle School have reached full scale, it is projected that there will be approximately 411-501 students served in K073, thereby yielding an estimated building utilization rate of approximately 53%-64%.

If this proposal is approved, New Elementary School and New Middle School will replace the elementary and middle school seats that will be lost as a result of the phase-out and eventual closure of P.S. 73 and will provide new educational options for families in District 23.

#### *Background on the DOE’s Decision-Making Process*

The DOE has provided more detail on the decision to phase-out and close P.S. 73 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.html>.

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 New Elementary School and New Middle School in building K073 is intended to provide additional options to students and families in District 23.

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

The 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. 73 Thomas S. Boyland’s main office.

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

Written comments can be sent to [D23Proposals@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:D23Proposals@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.**

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

February 25, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.  
251 McDougal Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11233

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