



Notice
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Chancellor

The Proposed Phase-Out of Performance School (07X385) 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 phase out Performance School (07X385, “Performance School”), an existing elementary school in building X156 (“X156”) located at 750 Concourse Village West, Bronx 10451 in Community School District 7 (“District 7”). It currently serves students in kindergarten through fifth grades and offers a pre-kindergarten program. Performance School is co-located in X156 with Bronx Global Learning Institute for Girls (84X389, “BGLIG”), an existing public charter school serving female students in kindergarten through fifth grades. The DOE is proposing to phase out Performance School based on its poor performance and the DOE’s assessment that the school lacks the capacity to improve quickly to better support student needs.

In a separate Education Impact Statement (“EIS”) also posted on January 22, 2013, the DOE is proposing to co-locate a new public elementary school 07X359 (“07X359”), and a new site of an existing District 75 (“D75”) program (75X017, “P017X@X156”) in building X156. The new site in X156 for the existing D75 program P017X will be referred to as P017X@X156 throughout the course of this document. This proposal can be accessed on the DOE’s Web site: <http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2012-2013/Mar112013Proposals.htm>.

In another EIS posted on January 22, 2013, the DOE is proposing to expand BGLIG from serving grades kindergarten through five to serving grades kindergarten through eight in X156. The proposal to expand BGLIG can be accessed on the DOE’s Web site here: <http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2012-2013/Mar112013Proposals.htm>.

If all relevant proposals are approved by the Panel for Educational Policy (“PEP”), as Performance School phases out, 07X359 will phase in, P017X@X156 will open, and BGLIG will phase in its middle school grades.

If this phase-out proposal is approved, Performance School will no longer admit new kindergarten students and will no longer offer grades one and two or its pre-kindergarten program after the 2012-2013 school year. Beginning in the 2014-2015 school year, it will no longer serve third grade and will serve one less grade each subsequent year until it completes its phase-out and closes in June 2016.

As mentioned above, the DOE is proposing to replace Performance School with a new public elementary school, 07X359. 07X359 will serve students in kindergarten through fifth grades and will offer a pre-kindergarten program when it reaches full scale in 2016-2017. If the proposal to co-locate 07X359 and P017X@X156 in X156 is approved, 07X359 will serve as a new elementary school option for District 7 families and will replace the seats lost by the proposed phase-out of Performance School.

If the phase-out and co-location proposals are approved, current students in kindergarten and first grade—whether or not they meet promotional standards—will be served by 07X359, to be opened in building X156. Current students in second grade who meet promotional standards will continue to progress towards the completion of elementary school at Performance School. However, any current second-grade students who do not meet promotional standards will complete second grade at 07X359. Current students in third and fourth grades will continue their education at Performance School regardless of whether they meet promotional standards. Current fifth-graders will proceed to apply to middle school via the District 7 Middle School Choice process, unless they do not meet promotional standards, in which case they will continue fifth grade at Performance School. In cases where students do not meet promotional requirements by June 2016, the DOE will help students and families identify alternative programs or schools that meet students' needs so that they may continue their education after Performance School completes its phase-out.

On November 26, 2012, the District 7 Community Education Council voted to implement an unzoning of the elementary schools in District 7 in order to provide greater access to educational opportunities for District 7 families and to create a process that allows families to choose schools that reflect their individual preferences. Beginning in the 2013-2014 school year, all elementary and K-8 schools in District 7 will be unzoned. Families will have the opportunity to rank their preferences among all elementary schools in the district, similar to the Middle School Choice Process. If the proposal to co-locate 07X359 (and to open a new site for an existing D75 program, P017X@X156) in X156 is approved, 07X359 will participate in the District 7 Elementary School Choice Admissions Process.

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 Performance School, and Bronx Global Learning Institute for Girls Charter School main office.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D07Proposals@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.

A joint public hearing regarding The Proposed Phase-Out of Performance School (07X385) Beginning in 2013-2014 and The Proposed Opening and Co-location of a New Elementary School (07X359) and a New Site of a District 75 program (75X017) with Existing Schools Performance School (07X385) and Bronx Global Learning Institute for Girls (84X389) in Building X156 Beginning in 2013-2014 will be held on the following date:

February 21, at 6:00 p.m.
750 Concourse Village West
Bronx, NY 10451

A joint public hearing regarding The Proposed Expansion of the Co-Location of Bronx Global Learning Institute for Girls Charter School (84X389) with Performance School (07X385), a New Elementary School (07X359), and a New District 75 Program (75X017) Beginning in 2013-2014 will be held on the following date:

February 25, at 6:00 p.m.
750 Concourse Village West
Bronx, NY 10451

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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29 Fort Greene Pl
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