



Notice
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Chancellor

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

I. Description of the subject and purpose of the proposed item under consideration.

The New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) is proposing to expand the grades served in building X156 (“X156”) by Bronx Global Learning Institute for Girls (84X389, “BGLIG”), from kindergarten through fifth grades to kindergarten through eighth grades. BGLIG is an existing charter elementary school currently serving female students in kindergarten through fifth grades in the X156 building, located at 750 Concourse Village West, Bronx, NY 10451 in Community School District 7 (“District 7”). BGLIG is currently co-located with Performance School (07X385, “Performance School”), an elementary school serving students in kindergarten through fifth grades and offering a pre-kindergarten program.

If this proposal is approved, BGLIG will expand to serve students in kindergarten through eighth grades in building X156 by phasing in middle school grades beginning in the 2013-2014 school year. In 2013-2014 BGLIG will serve students in kindergarten through sixth grades and will continue to add one grade level each year until it reaches full scale, serving kindergarten through eighth grades in the 2015-2016 school year. BGLIG enrolls kindergarten and first grade students through a lottery, giving preference to students who reside in District 7.

In a separate Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”), also posted on January 22, 2013, the DOE is proposing to gradually phase-out and close Performance School because of its poor performance and inability to improve quickly to better support student needs. If the phase-out proposal is approved, Performance School will no longer admit kindergarten, first-, and second-grade students after the conclusion of the 2012-2013 school year. One grade will then be phased-out each subsequent year, and Performance School will close in June 2016.

In another EIS posted on January 22, 2013, the DOE is proposing to co-locate a new elementary school (07X359) and add a new site, P017X@X156, of an existing District 75 program (75X017) that will provide self-contained classes, in building X156. In the 2013-2014 school year, 07X359 will serve kindergarten, first-, and second-grade students who would have otherwise attended Performance School if it were not being phased out. 07X359 will then expand

by one grade each year until it reaches full scale in 2016-2017 and serves students in kindergarten through fifth grades. 07X359 will also offer a pre-kindergarten program beginning in 2013-2014, subject to continued demand and funding. If approved, P017X@X156 will serve students in four self-contained classes when it opens in 2013-2014; it will continue serving that number of students until 2016-2017, when more space will become available in X156 and the program will begin serving five sections of students in the building. The phase-out proposal and the new co-location proposal can both be found here: <http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2012-2013/Mar112013Proposals.htm>.

The proposal to expand BGLIG is not contingent upon the proposals to phase-out Performance School or the proposal to open and co-locate 07X359 and the District 75 program because there is currently excess space in the building, as indicated in the attached building utilization plan (“BUP”).

On November 26, 2012, the District 7 Community Education Council (“CEC”) 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. This means that there will no longer be zoned elementary schools in District 7; rather, 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 P017X@X156) in X156 is approved, 07X359 will participate in the District 7 Elementary School Choice Admissions Process.

According to the 2011-2012 Enrollment, Capacity, Utilization Report (the “Blue Book”), X156 has the capacity to serve 976 students. Currently, the building serves 867 students, yielding a building utilization rate of 89%. If this proposal is approved, BGLIG will add sixth grade in 2013-2014 and will continue to add one grade each subsequent year until it reaches full scale in 2015-2016, serving approximately 405-495 students in kindergarten through eighth grades. If this expansion proposal, the proposal to phase out Performance School, and the proposal to co-locate 07X359 and a new site of an existing District 75 program in building X156 are approved, X156 is projected to serve approximately 911-1,066 students from BGLIG, 07X359, and P017X@X156 in 2016-2017, yielding an estimated building utilization rate of 93%-109%. As described below, the DOE believes there is sufficient space in building X156 to accommodate all schools over the course of all proposals.

Given the availability of space in BGLIG’s current location, Building X156, the DOE is proposing to expand the co-location of BGLIG in X156 to include sixth through eighth grades and to continue at that grade span in X156 thereafter. This proposed expansion will allow students currently enrolled in kindergarten through fifth grades the opportunity to continue their education at BGLIG and will create additional middle school seats for District 7 students.

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 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

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

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