



Notice
January 22, 2013

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Chancellor

The Proposed Opening and Co-location of a New Elementary School (07X359) and a New Site of a District 75 program (75XTBD) with Existing Schools Performance School (07X385) and Bronx Global Learning Institute for Girls (84X389) in Building X156 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, 07X359 (“07X359”) and open a new site of an existing District 75 program (“D75”) program (75X017, “P017X@X156”), in building X156 (“X156”) located at 750 Concourse Village West, Bronx 10451 in Community School District 7 (“District 7”). The new site in X156 for the existing D75 program 75X017 will be referred to as P017X@X156 throughout the course of this document. If this proposal is approved, 07X359 and P017X@X156 will be co-located in building X156 with Performance School (07X385, “Performance School”), an existing elementary school serving students in kindergarten through five and offering a pre-kindergarten program, and Bronx Global Learning Institute for Girls (84X389, “BGLIG”), an existing public charter school serving female students in grades kindergarten through five.

If this proposal is approved, 07X359 will serve students in kindergarten through fifth grades and will offer a pre-kindergarten program, pending continued availability of funding. 07X359 will admit students as part of the District 7 Elementary School Choice Process—which will be new for District 7 starting in 2013-2014 (additional details provided below)—in accordance with Chancellor’s Regulation A-101. If this proposal is approved, 07X359 will begin enrolling kindergarten, first and second grade students in 2013-2014, as well as students in the pre-kindergarten program, and will add one grade per year until the school has reached full scale and serves students in kindergarten through fifth grades in 2016-2017.

If this proposal is approved, the DOE will also open a new site of an existing D75 program in the 2013-2014 school year. P017X@X156 plans to serve students with an Individual Education Programs (“IEP”) classification of autistic in grades K-5 in X156. Students are placed in D75 programs based on individual student needs and recommended special education services. P017X@X156 will serve four sections of elementary students in self-contained settings, until 2016-2017, when it will begin serving five sections students. Students will be placed in class sections based on their needs (not necessarily according to traditional grade levels) and may be served in this program throughout the course of their elementary education.

In a separate Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”), posted on January 22, 2013, the DOE has proposed to gradually phase out and eventually 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, and will cease to offer its pre-kindergarten program. One grade will then be phased out each subsequent year. During the 2013-2014 school year, Performance School will serve students in third, fourth, and fifth grades. In 2014-2015, it will serve students in fourth and fifth grades, and in 2015-2016, Performance School will only serve students in fifth grade. The school will close in June 2016. That EIS can be accessed on the DOE’s Web site here:

<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 the grades BGLIG serves in X156 from kindergarten through five to kindergarten through eight in X156. BGLIG enrolls kindergarten students through a lottery, giving preference to students who reside in District 7. The proposal to expand the co-location of 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”) on March 11, 2013, BGLIG will phase in its middle school grades as 07X359 phases in, P017X opens, and Performance School phases out.

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. 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 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 (“Blue Book”), X156 has a target capacity of 976 students. (The concept of “target capacity” is explained below in Section II). During the 2012-2013 school year the building is serving 867 students, yielding a building utilization rate of 89%. In 2016-2017, when Performance School has fully phased out, 07X359 has fully phased in, P017X@X156 has opened, and BGLIG has expanded to serve middle school grades, it is projected that there will be 911-1,066 students served in X156, for a building utilization rate of 93%-109%.

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.

February 21, 2013 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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