



Notice  
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Chancellor

## **Amended: The Proposed Re-siting and Co-location of The UFT Charter School (84K359) in Building K292 with Existing School J.H.S. 292 Margaret S. Douglas (19K292) Beginning in the 2013-2014 School Year**

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

The New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) is proposing to re-site the sixth through eighth grades of the UFT Charter School (84K359, “UFT Charter”), an existing public charter school, to building K292 (“K292”), which is located at 300 Wyona Street and 301 Vermont Street, Brooklyn, NY, 11207, in Community School District 19 (“District 19”) beginning in the 2013-2014 school year. UFT Charter currently serves students in kindergarten through twelfth grade across two separate sites. In one location, building K166 (“K166”), located at 800 Van Siclen Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11207, also in District 19, UFT Charter serves students in grades six through twelve. In another location, K292, UFT Charter serves students in kindergarten through fifth grade. If this proposal is approved, sixth through eighth grade students would no longer be served in K166 at the conclusion of the 2012-2013 school year. Beginning in 2013-2014, UFT Charter would serve students in kindergarten through eighth grade at K292, while continuing to serve ninth through twelfth grade students at K166. UFT Charter’s kindergarten through fifth grades are currently co-located with J.H.S. 292 Margaret S. Douglas (19K292, “J.H.S. 292”), an existing district middle school that currently serves students in sixth through eighth grades. If this proposal is approved, UFT Charter’s kindergarten through eighth grade students would be co-located with J.H.S. 292. UFT Charter admits kindergarten students through the Charter lottery process and will continue to do so.

On January 23, 2013, the accompanying Building Utilization Plan (“BUP”) was amended to correct a typographical error contained in the original BUP published on January 18, 2013. This amendment does not significantly revise the proposal itself.

UFT Charter’s sixth through twelfth grades are currently co-located in building K166 with J.H.S. George Gershwin (19K166, “J.H.S. 166”), an existing district middle school that currently serves sixth through eighth grade students. J.H.S. 166 admits students through the District 19 Middle School Choice Process, offering priority to students who reside in the K166 residential zone and then using a limited unscreened admissions method. J.H.S. 292 also admits students through the District 19 Middle School Choice Process, offering priority to students who reside in the K292 residential zone and then using an unscreened admissions method. J.H.S. 292 also offers an Honors Program, which admits students using a screened admissions method. For more

information about admissions methods, see section III.A.

UFT Charter is in the process of applying for renewal of its charter from its charter authorizer, the State University of New York's Charter School Institute ("SUNY CSI"). This proposal to re-site the sixth through eighth grades of UFT Charter assumes that SUNY CSI will grant UFT Charter's application. However, if SUNY CSI denies UFT Charter's application for renewal, UFT Charter may be closed prior to the 2013-2014 school year. If this is the case, UFT Charter will no longer occupy space in either K166 or K292.

According to the 2011-2012 Enrollment Capacity Utilization Report (the "Blue Book"), building K292 has the capacity to serve a total of 1,730 students. In 2012-2013, J.H.S. 292 is serving 761 sixth through eighth grade students and UFT Charter is serving 455 kindergarten through fifth grade students in building K292. This yields a building utilization rate of approximately 70%. This means that the building is "underutilized" and has space to accommodate additional students. If this proposal to re-site and co-locate UFT Charter's sixth through eighth grades to K292 is approved, in 2013-2014, once UFT Charter is re-sited to K292, UFT Charter is projected to serve 710-800 kindergarten through eighth grade students in K292, and J.H.S. 292 is projected to serve 735-765 sixth through eighth grade students, for a total of 1,445-1,565 students, yielding a projected building utilization rate of approximately 84%-90%.

Building K292 also houses the District 19 Food Office. The DOE does not anticipate that the proposed co-location will affect the continued siting of or space allocations for the District 19 Food Office.

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

The Educational Impact Statement ("EIS") and amended 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 J.H.S. 292 and UFT Charter's main offices.

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

Written comments can be sent to [D19Proposals@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:D19Proposals@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 27, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.  
Building K292  
300 Wyona Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11207

Another hearing addressing proposals affecting building K166, including the UFT Charter resiting proposal, will be held at building K166. This hearing is scheduled for:

February 21, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.  
800 Van Siclen  
Brooklyn, NY 11027

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