



Notice  
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Chancellor

## **Amended: The Proposed Opening and Co-location of a New Elementary School (19K557) and a New Middle School (19K663) with Existing School P.S. 174 Dumont in Building K174 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 zoned elementary school (19K557, “New Elementary School”) and a new middle school (19K663, “New Middle School”) in building K174 located at 574 Dumont Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11207, in Community School District 19 (“District 19”). If this proposal is approved, New Elementary School and New Middle School will be co-located in building K174 with P.S. 174 Dumont (19K174, “P.S. 174”), an existing school that currently serves kindergarten through eighth-grade students. P.S. 174 serves zoned kindergarten through fifth-grade students, while sixth- through eighth-grade students are admitted through the District 19 Middle School Choice Process, offering priority to continuing fifth-grade students. P.S. 174 also offers a full-day pre-kindergarten program.

On January 31, 2013, the Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) was amended to include P.S. 174’s most recent Quality Review, which occurred on October 24, 2012 and October 25, 2012.

P.S. 174 is the only school organization in building K174.

In a separate amended EIS published on January 31, 2013, the DOE has proposed to gradually phase-out and eventually close P.S. 174 because of its poor performance and inability to improve quickly to better support student needs. If this proposal is approved, P.S. 174 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 school year, P.S. 174 will not offer its pre-kindergarten program. In 2013-2014, P.S. 174 will only serve students in third, fourth, fifth, seventh, and eighth grades; in 2014-2015, P.S. 174 will only serve students in fourth, fifth, and eighth grades; in 2015-2016, P.S. 174 will only serve students in fifth grade. P.S. 174 will close in June 2016.

New Elementary School will open in K174 as a zoned district elementary school, serving the same zone as P.S. 174. In the 2013-2014 school year, New Elementary School will serve the kindergarten first-, and second-grade students who would otherwise have attended P.S. 174 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 grade in 2016-2017.

New Middle School will also open in K174 and will admit students through the District 19 Middle School Choice Process with a limited unscreened admissions method. For the 2013-2014 school year, New Middle School will offer priority to continuing P.S. 174 fifth-grade students. For the 2014-2015 school year and beyond, this priority will no longer exist. If this proposal is approved, New Middle School will begin enrolling sixth-grade students in 2013-2014 and will add one grade per year until it has reached full scale and serves students in sixth through eighth grades in 2015-2016.

During the years that P.S. 174 is phasing-out, New Elementary School, New Middle School and P.S. 174 will be co-located in K174. Once P.S. 174 has completed its phase-out, New Elementary School and New Middle School will be the only schools in K174.

According to the 2011-2012 Enrollment, Capacity, Utilization Report (“Blue Book”), K174 has a target capacity of 740 students, but in 2012-2013 the building is serving only 441 students, yielding a building utilization rate of 60%.

In 2016-2017, once P.S. 174 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 476-566 students served in K174, thereby yielding an estimated building utilization rate of approximately 64%-76%.

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. 174 and will provide new educational options for families in District 19.

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

The DOE has provided more detail on the decision to phase-out and close P.S. 174 in a separate amended EIS, which can be found on the DOE’s Website 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 K174 is intended to provide additional options to students and families in District 19.

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

The amended EIS can be found on the DOE’s Web site:

<http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2012-2013/Mar112013Proposals.htm>

Copies of the amended EIS are also available in P.S. 174 Dumont’s main office.

### **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 22, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.  
574 Dumont Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11207

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 6:00 p.m.  
Brooklyn Technical High School  
29 Fort Greene Place  
Brooklyn, NY 11217