



Notice
February 5, 2013

Dennis M. Walcott
Chancellor

Amended Educational Impact Statement: The Proposed Phase-out of Herbert H. Lehman High School (08X405) Beginning in 2013-2014

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

On January 17, 2013, the New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) issued an Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) describing a proposal to phase out Herbert H. Lehman High School (08X405, “Lehman High School”), an existing public high school located in school building X405 on the Herbert H. Lehman Educational Campus (“X405” or “Lehman Campus”), beginning in the 2013-2014 school year. The Lehman Campus is located at 3000 East Tremont Ave, Bronx NY 10461, within the geographical confines of Community School District 8 (“District 8”). Lehman High School currently serves students in grades nine through twelve. The DOE is proposing to phase out the school based on its poor performance and the DOE’s assessment that it lacks the capacity to improve quickly to better support student needs.

Lehman High School is co-located with the following organizations: Renaissance High School for Musical Theater and Technology (08X293, “Renaissance High School”), a district high school that serves students in grades nine through twelve; Westchester Square Academy (08X558, “Westchester Square”), a district high school currently serving students in ninth grade which is in the process of phasing in and will serve students in grades nine through twelve when it reaches full scale; a District 75 inclusion program (75X721, “P721X@X405” or “D75 inclusion program”); the Lehman Young Adult Borough Center (X408, “YABC”); a school-based health center operated by the Montefiore Medical Center (“Montefiore Medical Center”); and a part-time GED Plus – Learning-to-Work program (X950, “GED Plus – LTW”).

In a separate EIS also posted on January 17, 2013, the DOE is proposing to replace Lehman High School by co-locating three new high schools—08X320, 08X348, and 08X349—in building X405. If approved, these schools will open in September 2013 and gradually phase in one grade per year until they reach full scale during the 2016-2017 school year. That proposal can be found here:

<http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2012-2013/Mar112013Proposals.htm>. In addition, Westchester Square will continue to phase in, and will begin offering an academically screened program in 2013-2014; this will result in an increase in Westchester Square’s enrollment.

If the Panel for Educational Policy (“PEP”) approves this proposal, Lehman High School

will no longer admit new ninth-grade students after the conclusion of the 2012-2013 school year. The school will continue to phase out one grade level at a time until it closes at the conclusion of the 2015-2016 school year, and current students will be supported as they progress towards graduation while remaining enrolled at Lehman High School. In cases where students do not complete graduation 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 Lehman High School completes its phase-out.

As described in greater detail in Section III.A of the EIS, Lehman High School currently admits students through zoned, educational option, and screened admissions methods. The replacement proposal for Lehman High School includes plans for new admissions programs which will use a limited unscreened admissions method, and an additional screened program at one of the existing, co-located schools. This means that, in the future, there will not be a geographic zone that guarantees admission to a school on the Lehman Campus. See Section III.A of the EIS for additional details.

As described in Section II of the EIS, if these proposals are approved, the number of available seats will be reduced and there will be excess space in building X405 when all schools have completed their phase-ins and Lehman High School has phased-out. As such, the DOE anticipates proposing to co-locate at least one additional new high school in building X405 in future years. This co-location will be proposed in a separate EIS and will be subject to approval by the PEP.

The EIS describing the proposal to phase-out Lehman High School has been amended to include updated information regarding the availability of School Improvement Grant funding. The updated information, which is provided in a Notice of Amendment, does not substantially revise this proposal.

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

The Educational Impact Statement ("EIS") and Notice of Amendment 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 Notice of Amendment are also available in Herbert H. Lehman High School, Renaissance High School for Musical Theater & Technology, P.S. X721 - Stephen McSweeney School (P721X@X405), and Westchester Square Academy main office.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D08Proposals@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.

Name: Henry Smith
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V. Date, time and place of joint public hearings for this proposal.

February 26, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

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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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