



Notice  
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## **Amended Educational Impact Statement: The Proposed Opening and Co-location of Three New High Schools (08X320, 08X348, 08X349) with Herbert H. Lehman High School (08X405), P721X@X405 (75X721), Renaissance High School for Musical Theater and Technology (08X293), and Westchester Square Academy (08X558) in School Building X405, 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 open and co-locate three new district high schools (New School 1, “08X320;” New School 2, “08X348;” and New School 3, “08X349”) in school building X405 (“X405”) on the Herbert H. Lehman Educational Campus (“Lehman Campus”), beginning in the 2013-2014 school year. The Lehman Campus is located at 3000 East Tremont Avenue, Bronx, NY 10461, within the geographical confines of Community School District 8 (“District 8”). The proposed new high schools will offer rigorous academic programs that will prepare students for post-secondary education and work. If this proposal is approved, the three new high schools will be co-located with the following organizations: Herbert H. Lehman High School (08X405, “Lehman High School”), a district high school serving students in grades nine through twelve; Renaissance High School for Musical Theater and Technology (08X293, “Renaissance High School”), a district high school serving 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 Health Center”); and a part-time GED Plus - Learning-to-Work program (X950, “GED Plus - LTW”).

In a separate EIS posted on January 17, 2013, the DOE has proposed to phase out and eventually close Lehman High School after an extensive review of data and community feedback indicating that the school is unable to improve quickly despite numerous efforts to enhance instruction and school organization. That EIS can be accessed on the DOE’s Web site at <http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2012->

[2013/Mar112013Proposals.htm](#).

If the Panel for Educational Policy (“PEP”) approves the proposal to phase out Lehman High School, the school will no longer admit new ninth-grade students after the end of this school year. However, Lehman High School will continue to serve students currently enrolled in the school. Lehman High School’s enrollment will decrease gradually over the next three years as the school phases out one grade per year, and the school will complete phasing out in June 2016.

In the event that the phase-out of Lehman High School is not approved, the DOE will re-examine the availability of space in the building, and may, as appropriate, revise its proposal to co-locate 08X320, 08X348, and 08X349 in X405. Such a revised proposal would be described in a revised EIS.

The proposed opening and co-location of three new district schools in X405 is part of the DOE’s central goal to create new school options that will better serve future students and the community at large. If approved, the new schools will offer rigorous academic programs that will be open to students through the Citywide High School Admissions Process. All three schools will have a limited unscreened admissions method giving priority to students residing or attending school in the Bronx. (Detailed information about the High School Admissions Process, over-the-counter admissions, and the proposed schools’ admissions criteria can be found in Section III.A of this document.)

While the ninth grade seats lost by the proposed phase-out and eventual closure of Lehman High School will only be recovered in part at X405 by the co-location of these three new district high schools, additional proposals to improve high school options in the Bronx, if approved, will yield a net increase in the number of high school seats in the Bronx starting in September 2013. (Detailed information about the impact of other proposed changes to high school educational offerings in the Bronx can be found in Section III.C of the EIS.)

In addition to the phase-in of three new schools, Westchester Square will continue to phase in as planned. The DOE is also planning to increase Westchester Square’s ninth-grade enrollment in 2013-2014. These additional students will be admitted through a screened admissions program. (Additional details regarding the admissions methods at Westchester Square and the proposed replacement schools can be found in Section III.A of the EIS.)

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 co-locate 08X320, 08X348, and 08X349 in the X405 building 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 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](mailto: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.**

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## **V. Date, time and place of joint public hearings for this proposal.**

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

Lehman High School  
3000 East Tremont Avenue  
Bronx, NY 10461

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