



Notice
February 5, 2013

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Chancellor

Amended Educational Impact Statement: The Proposed Phase-Out of M.S. 142 John Philip Sousa (11X142) Beginning in 2013-2014

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

On January 11, 2013, the New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) issued an Education Impact Statement (“EIS”) proposing to phase out M.S. 142 John Philip Sousa (11X142, “M.S. 142”), an existing campus choice middle school in building X142 (“X142”) located at 3750 Baychester Avenue, Bronx, NY 10466, in Community School District 11 (“District 11”). It currently serves students in grades six through eight. The DOE is proposing to phase out M.S. 142 based on its poor performance and the DOE’s assessment that the school lacks the capacity to improve quickly to better support student needs.

This EIS and the the related EIS for this proposal to co-locate new middle school 11X355 in building X142 beginning in 2013-2014 have been amended to update the eligibility status of M.S. 142 and proposed new school 11X355 for School Improvement Grant funding. The amended information is provided in a Notice of Amendment for Section V. of the EISs does not substantially revise either proposal. The Notice of Amendment is available at: <http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2012-2013/Mar112013Proposals.htm>.

If this proposal is approved, M.S. 142 will no longer admit new sixth-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 following the 2014-2015 school year. Current students will be served and supported as they progress towards the completion of middle school while remaining enrolled at M.S. 142. Current and future M.S. 142 eighth-grade students will be supported through the Citywide High School Admissions Process as they apply to a high school. In cases where students do not meet promotional requirements by June 2015, they will be served in 11X355, a new district middle school that the DOE is proposing to open in building X142.

M.S. 142 is co-located with One World Middle School at Edenwald (11X529, “One World”) and Baychester Middle School (11X532, “Baychester”), two existing middle schools currently serving students in grades six and seven, which are phasing into building X142 to serve grades six through eight at full scale in 2013-2014.

M.S. 142, One World, and Baychester admit students through the District 11 Middle School Choice Process and offer priority to students who reside in the X142 zone. All three are part of a campus choice model, which means that schools first admit students who reside in the X142 zone and then admit students through the District 11 Choice Process if space remains after all zoned students have been accommodated.

In a separate proposal described in another EIS, the DOE proposed to open a new middle school, 11X355, in building X142 in September 2013. This EIS has also been amended to reflect the changes mentioned earlier. The proposal can be found at:

[http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2012-](http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2012-2013/Mar112013Proposals.htm)

[2013/Mar112013Proposals.htm](http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2012-2013/Mar112013Proposals.htm). If both proposals are approved, 11X355 will grow to full scale as M.S. 142 phases out. The new school would open with sixth grade, adding one grade annually until it reaches full scale in the 2015-2016 school year, with a grade span of six through eight.

As explained in an EIS approved by the Panel for Educational Policy (“PEP”) on February 17, 2011 (posted on the DOE Web site here: http://schools.nyc.gov/NR/rdonlyres/50D0EA27-11B7-4F3C-9E53-4ACED95E34C6/0/EIS_NewSchools142_final.pdf), M.S. 142 has been in the process of reducing its overall enrollment as One World and Baychester phase into the X142 building. As such, M.S. 142’s replacement, 11X355, will have an enrollment that more closely aligns with the proposed size of M.S. 142 than with M.S. 142’s current enrollment.

II. Identification of all amendments to the original item

The amended EIS includes the following modifications:

- Updated eligibility status of M.S. 142 and 11X355 for School Improvement Grant funding.

III. 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 the main offices of M.S. 142 John Phillip Sousa, One World, and Baychester.

IV. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D11Proposals@schools.nyc.gov.

Oral comments can be left at 212-374-5159.

V. 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: Stephanie Crane
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Email: D11Proposals@schools.nyc.gov
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VI. Date, time and place of joint public hearings for this proposal.

Wednesday, February 13, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.
M.S. 142 John Phillip Sousa
3750 Baychester Avenue
Bronx, NY 10466

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 its 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