



Notice  
February 5, 2013

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Chancellor

**Amended Educational Impact Statement: The Proposed Co-location of a New District High School, 02M135, with High School of Graphic Communication Arts (02M625), Business of Sports School (02M393), Urban Assembly Gateway School for Technology (02M507), and Success Academy Charter School – Manhattan 2 (84MTBD) in School Building M625, Beginning in 2013-2014, and New Public Charter School Success Academy Charter School – Manhattan Middle School (84MTBD), Beginning in 2015-2016**

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

On January 18, 2013, the New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) issued an Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) proposing to open and co-locate 02M135, a new district high school, in school building M625 (“M625”) beginning in the 2013-2014 school year. M625 is located at 439 West 49<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY 10019 within the geographical confines of Community School District 2 (“District 2”). The proposed new high school, 02M135, will offer a rigorous academic program with a career and technical education component that will prepare students for post-secondary education and work. If this proposal is approved, 02M135 will be co-located with the following schools: High School of Graphic Communication Arts (02M625, “Graphics”), an existing school that currently serves students in grades nine through twelve; Business of Sports School (02M393, “BOSS”) an existing high school that serves students in grades nine through twelve; Urban Assembly Gateway School for Technology (02M507, “Gateway”), an existing high school currently serving students in grades nine through ten; and Success Academy Charter School – Manhattan 2 (84MTBD, “SA - Manhattan 2”), which will open in September 2013 with kindergarten and first grade and is phasing in one grade per year. Gateway is phasing in to serve grades nine through twelve and will reach full scale in the 2014-2015 school year. Those proposals can be found on the DOE’s Web site: <http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2012-2013/Mar112013Proposals.htm>.

This EIS and the related EIS for the proposal to phase out the High School of Graphic Communication Arts in 2013-2014 have now been amended to update the eligibility status of 02M135 and the High School of Graphic Communication Arts for School Improvement Grant funding. The amended information is provided in a Notice of Amendment for Section V. of the EISs available at <http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2012-2013/Mar112013Proposals.htm> and does not substantially revise either proposal.

Additionally, M625 houses two community-based organizations (“CBOs”), SPARK Drug Prevention and the Association of Progressive Dominicans, and an Alternative Learning Center (“ALC”), which provides

an educational setting for students in grades nine through twelve who are on a Superintendent's suspension for up to 90 days. This proposal is not expected to impact the continued siting of the CBOs. This proposal is also not anticipated to impact the ALC since in the 2013-2014 school year, the ALC will re-locate to building M859 ("M859"), located at 512 West 182<sup>nd</sup> St, New York, NY 10033 within the geographical confines of Community School District 6.

In a separate Educational Impact Statement ("EIS") also amended on February 5, 2013 and originally posted on January 18, 2013, the DOE is proposing to phase out and eventually close Graphics after an extensive review of data and community feedback indicating that the school is unable to turn around despite numerous efforts to improve instruction and school organization. This 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 Education Policy ("PEP") approves the proposal to phase out Graphics, the school will no longer admit new ninth-grade students after the end of this school year. However, Graphics will continue to serve students currently enrolled in the school. During the 2013-2014 school year, Graphics will serve students in tenth through twelfth grade. The school would serve one less grade in each subsequent year until it completes its phase-out and closes at the end of the 2015-2016 school year.

In the event that the phase-out of Graphics is not approved, the DOE would re-examine the availability of space in the building and may, as appropriate, revise its proposal to co-locate 02M135 in M625. Such a revised proposal would be described in a revised EIS.

In another separate EIS, the DOE has proposed to site Success Academy Charter School – Manhattan Middle School ("SA - Manhattan MS") in building M625 beginning in the 2015-2016 school year. That proposal will be voted on by the PEP in March 2013.

The proposed opening and co-location of 02M135 in M625 is part of the DOE's central goal of creating new school options that will better serve future students and the community at large. 02M135 would offer a rigorous academic program with a career and technical education component that would be open to students through the Citywide High School Admissions Process and would have a limited unscreened admissions method giving priority to students residing in Manhattan.

According to the 2011-2012 Enrollment, Capacity, Utilization Report ("Blue Book"), M625 has a target capacity of 2,247 students. During the current 2012-2013 school year the building serves only 1,963 students, yielding a building utilization rate of 87%.

If this proposal is approved, 02M135 would open during the 2013-2014 school year, when it would serve approximately 105-115 students in the ninth grade. 02M135 would gradually phase in by adding one grade per year. The school is expected to reach full scale in 2016-2017 and would serve approximately 420-460 students in grades nine through twelve.

In 2021-2022, once Graphics has completed its phase-out, the ALC has moved out of the building, and 02M135, Gateway, SA - Manhattan MS and SA-Manhattan 2 have reached their full scale enrollment, it is projected that there will be approximately 2,108 - 2,426 students served in M625, thereby yielding an estimated utilization rate of 94% - 108%.

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

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. Continuing to allocate space and resources to schools that are unable to significantly improve student performance is neither efficient nor equitable. As detailed in the EIS posted on January 18, 2013, the DOE has concluded that phasing out Graphics is appropriate due to the school's history of poor performance and inability to quickly improve to support student outcomes.

The DOE is proposing to replace a portion of the seats lost through the phase-out of Graphics by adding a new school in the M625 building. 02M135 would offer a rigorous program with a career and technical education (“CTE”) component designed to equip students with the skills necessary to achieve post-secondary success. The new school’s CTE component is described in greater detail below. The DOE believes that co-locating a new high school in M625 would create a better educational option in the community.

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

The Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”), Building Utilization Plan (“BUP”), and amendment language 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 High School of Graphic Communication Arts, Business of Sports School, and Urban Assembly Gateway School For Technology main offices.

**III. Submission of public comment.**

Written comments can be sent to [D02Proposals@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:D02Proposals@schools.nyc.gov)

Oral comments can be left at 212-374-3466.

**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.  
439 West 49th Street  
Manhattan, NY 10019

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.

**VI. 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