



Notice
February 6, 2013

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Chancellor

Amended: The Proposed Opening and Co-location of Two New District Middle Schools, 19K661 and 19K662, with Existing Schools J.H.S. 302 Rafael Cordero (19K302) and Achievement First Apollo Charter School (84K774) in Building K302 Beginning in 2013-2014

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

On January 22, 2013, the New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) proposed to open and co-locate two new district middle schools, 19K661 and 19K662 in buildings K302 (“K302”) and Transportable Classroom Unit K974 (“K974”) located at 350 Linwood Street, Brooklyn, NY 11208, in Community School District 19 (“District 19”). If this proposal is approved, 19K661 and 19K662 will be co-located in building K302 with existing schools J.H.S. Rafael Cordero (19K302, “J.H.S. 302”) and Achievement First Apollo Charter School (84K774, “AF Apollo”) beginning in 2013-2014.

On February 6, 2013, the Educational Impact Statement describing this proposal was amended to include information about the Cypress Hills Local Development Corporation’s receipt of a one-year Promise Neighborhoods Program planning grant from the United States Department of Education and J.H.S. 302’s partnership with the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

If this proposal is approved, 19K661 and 19K662 will serve students in sixth through eighth grade and will admit students through the District 19 Middle School Choice Process using a limited unscreened admissions method, offering priority to students residing in the K302 residential zone. If this proposal is approved, 19K661 and 19K662 will begin enrolling sixth grade students in 2013-2014 and will add one grade per year until each school reaches full scale and serves students in sixth through eighth grade in 2015-2016.

As previously stated, J.H.S. 302 and AF Apollo are currently co-located in K302. J.H.S. 302 currently serves students in grades six through eight, and admits students through the District 19 Middle School Choice Process, giving priority to students who reside in the zone and then admitting students using an unscreened selection method. In a separate amended EIS, published on February 7, 2013, the DOE has proposed to gradually phase out and eventually close J.H.S. 302 because of its low performance and inability to improve quickly to better support student needs. If the phase-out proposal is approved, J.H.S. 302 will no longer admit sixth grade students

after the conclusion of the 2012-2013 school year. One grade will then be phased out each subsequent year. During the 2013-2014 school year, J.H.S. 302 will serve students in seventh and eighth grade and, in 2014-2015, it will serve students in eighth grade. J.H.S. 302 will close after June 2015. That proposal can be found here:

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

AF Apollo currently serves students in kindergarten through third grade, and will serve students in kindergarten through fourth grade in the 2013-2014 school year. AF Apollo admits kindergarten students through the charter lottery application process, with preference given to District 19 residents. In a separate proposal described in another amended EIS, also posted on January 22, 2013, the DOE is proposing to expand AF Apollo beginning in 2014-2015 to serve fifth through eighth grade students. If this proposal is approved,

AF Apollo would serve kindergarten through fifth grade students beginning in the 2014-2015 school year and add one grade per year until it reaches full scale in 2017-2018. For the purposes of this amended EIS describing the proposal to open and co-locate 19K661 and 19K662, it is assumed that the proposals to phase out J.H.S. 302 and expand AF Apollo will be approved by the PEP. However, if the proposal to phase out J.H.S. 302 is not approved, the DOE still believes there is space for the co-location and expansion of AF Apollo in building K302, and the amended EIS proposing the AF Apollo expansion and the accompanying Building Utilization Plan (“BUP”) will be revised as necessary. That proposal can be found here:

<http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2012-2013/Mar112013Proposals.html>. If the proposal to phase out J.H.S. 302 is not approved, the replacement 19K661 and 19K662 would not open.

K302 also houses a Community Based Organization, Beacon, which provides after-school programming, and a School-Based Health Center (“SBHC”). The DOE does not expect the proposed phase-ins of 19K661 and 19K662 Apollo to impact the continued siting of or space allocations for SBHC or Beacon.

According to the 2011-2012 Enrollment, Capacity, Utilization Report (“Blue Book”), building K302 has the capacity to serve 1,657 students. In 2012-2013, the building is serving 1,231 total students, yielding a building utilization rate of 74%. In 2017-2018, once J.H.S. 302 has completed its phase-out and 19K661, 19K662, and AF Apollo have reached full scale, it is projected that there would be approximately 1,310-1,550 students served in building K302, yielding an estimated utilization rate of 79%-94%.

If this proposal is approved, 19K661 and 19K662 will replace the middle school seats that will be lost as a result of the phase-out and eventual closure of J.H.S. 302, and will provide new educational options for 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 Department of Education’s Web site:

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

Copies of the amended EIS are also available in the main offices of J.H.S. 302 and AF Apollo.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to 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 26, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.
J.H.S. 302
350 Linwood Street
Brooklyn, NY 11208

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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29 Fort Greene Pl
Brooklyn, NY 11217