Notice
February 5, 2013

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Chancellor

Amended Revised Educational Impact Statement: The Proposed Opening and Co-location of New Visions Charter High School for Applied Math and Science III (84KTBD), and New Visions Charter High School for the Humanities III (84KTBD) with Sheepshead Bay High School (22K495), P811K@K495 (75K811), a New District High School 22K611(22K611) and a New Transfer School (22K630), in School Building K495, Beginning in 2013-2014

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

On January 14, 2013 the New York City Department of Education ("DOE") proposed to open and co-locate two new public charter high schools, New Visions Charter High School for Applied Math and Science III (84KTBD, "AMS III"), and New Visions Charter High School for the Humanities (84KTBD, "HUM III"), in Building K495 ("K495"), beginning in the 2013-2014 school year. K495 is located at 3000 Avenue X Brooklyn, NY 11235, within the geographical confines of Community School District 22 ("District 22"). The proposed new high schools will offer rigorous academic programs with a CTE component that will prepare students for post-secondary education and work. If this proposal and the corresponding proposals (described below) are approved, AMS III and HUM III will be co-located with Sheepshead Bay High School (22K495, "Sheepshead Bay"); one site of a multi-sited District 75 ("D75") inclusion program, P811K@K495 (75K811, "P811K@K495"); 22K611, a new district high school; and 22K630, a new transfer high school. In addition, K495 houses four Community Based Organizations ("CBOs"): City Year, Counseling in Schools, Diplomas Now, and a Relationship Abuse Prevention Program ("RAPP").

On January 17, 2013, the Educational Impact Statement ("EIS") was revised to provide updated information regarding the impact of this proposal on the availability of Transitional Bilingual Education ("TBE") programming. The January 17, 2013 revised notice also corrected a typographical error in identifying P811K@K495 that appeared in the original notice.

The EIS has also been amended to update the eligibility status of Sheepshead Bay High School, new district high school 22K611, new district transfer school 22K630, AMS III, and HUM III for School Improvement Grant funding. The amended information is provided in a Notice of Amendment for Section V. of the Revised Educational Impact Statement and does not substantially revise the proposal.

In a separate revised EIS also posted on January 17, 2013, the DOE is proposing to phase out and eventually close Sheepshead Bay 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. In a third revised EIS, also posted on January 17, 2013, the DOE is also proposing to open and co-locate a new district high school, 22K611, and a new district transfer high school, 22K630, in building K495 beginning in 2013-2014. If that proposal is approved, AMS III and HUM III would also be co-located in building K495 with 22K611, and 22K630 throughout the course of their phase-ins and thereafter. Both of these amended revised EISs can be accessed on the DOE's website 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 Sheepshead Bay, the school will no longer admit new ninth-grade students after the end of this school year. However, Sheepshead Bay will continue to serve students currently enrolled in the school. Sheepshead Bay's enrollment will decrease gradually over the next three years, and the school will complete phasing out in June 2016.

The proposed opening and co-location of AMS III and HUM III in K495 is part of the DOE's central goal to create new school options that will better serve future students and the community at large. In November 2012, the New York State Education Department ("SED") authorized New Visions for Public Schools ("New Visions"), a charter management organization, to serve students in ninth through twelfth grades at both AMS III and HUM III. AMS III and HUM III will each offer a rigorous academic program and prepare students for post secondary work in math and science and the humanities, respectively. According to New Visions, New Visions schools provide all students, regardless of their previous academic history, the highest quality education in an atmosphere of respect, responsibility and rigor. The schools ensure that graduates have the skills and content knowledge necessary to succeed in post-secondary choices by engaging students, teachers and administrators in learning experiences that allow risk-taking, embrace multiple attempts at learning, cultivate students' imaginative and creative abilities, and celebrate achievement.

AMS III and HUM III will also offer a CTE component. The new charter high schools will admit students through a lottery application process, with admissions preference given to residents of District 22. The new charter high schools will open in September 2013 when each is projected to serve approximately 115-140 students in the ninth grade. AMS III and HUM III will gradually phase in to K495 by adding one grade level every year until reaching full scale. The schools are expected to reach full scale in grade levels in 2016-2017 and will continue to increase enrollment by accepting a larger ninth grade cohort in 2015-2016 until each school serves approximately 515-640 students in grades nine through twelve in 2017-2018. Detailed information about the High School Admissions Process, charter lottery application process, transfer schools admissions, and the proposed schools' admissions criteria can be found in Section III.A of the amended revised EIS describing this proposal.

According to the 2011-2012 Enrollment, Capacity, Utilization Report ("Blue Book"), K495 has a target capacity of 2,430 students, but the building serves only 1,736 students, yielding a building utilization rate of 71%. If this proposal is approved, the new schools will open during the 2013-2014 school year, when AMS III and HUM III will serve approximately 115-140 students each in the ninth grade. Each school will gradually phase in by adding one grade per year. The schools are expected to reach full scale in grade levels in 2016-2017 and will continue to increase enrollment by accepting a larger ninth grade cohort until each school serves approximately 515-640 students in grades nine through twelve in 2017-2018. In 2017-2018, once Sheepshead Bay has completed its phase-out and 22K611, 22K630, AMS III, and HUM III are at full scale in terms of enrollment, it is projected that there will be approximately 1,685-2,025 students served in K495, thereby yielding an estimated utilization rate of approximately 69%-83%.

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

The Amended Revised EIS, Notice of Amendment for Section V. of the EIS, and Building Utilization Plan ("BUP") 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 Revised EIS, Notice of Amendment for Section V. of the EIS, and BUP are also available in the main offices of Sheepshead Bay High School and P811K@K495.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D22Proposals@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.

Name: Lauren Lefty
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Phone: 212-374-0208.

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

February 20, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.
Sheepshead Bay High School
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Brooklyn, NY 11235

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 of the hearing.

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 6:00 p.m.

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29 Fort Greene Pl
Brooklyn, NY 11217