



Notice
February 14, 2013

Dennis M. Walcott
Chancellor

Amended: The Proposed Phase-out of Bread & Roses Integrated Arts High School (05M685) 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 Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) describing a proposal to phase out Bread & Roses Integrated Arts High School (05M685, “Bread and Roses”), an existing high school located in school building M136 (“M136”) beginning in the 2013-2014 school year. Bread and Roses is located at 6 Edgecombe Avenue, New York NY 10030, within the geographical confines of Community School District 5 (“District 5”). Bread and Roses currently serves students in grades nine through twelve. The DOE is proposing to phase out the school based on its poor performance and the DOE’s assessment that it lacks the capacity to improve quickly to better support student needs. In a separate EIS also initially posted on January 11, 2013 and subsequently revised, the DOE is proposing to co-locate a new district secondary school, Eagle Academy for Young Men of Harlem (05M148, “Eagle Academy”), in building M136. That proposal can be found here: <http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2012-2013/Mar112013Proposals.htm>.

The EIS has now been amended to include updated descriptions of the admissions criteria at Eagle Academy and clarifies that the school will serve only male students. It also includes updated enrollment figures, updated information regarding State Improvement Grants, and corrects typographical errors.

If this phase-out proposal is approved, Bread and Roses will no longer admit new ninth-grade students after the conclusion of the 2012-2013 school year. The school will continue to phase out one grade level per year until it closes in June 2016. Current students will be supported as they progress towards graduation while remaining enrolled at Bread and Roses. In cases where students do not complete graduation requirements by June 2016, the DOE will help students and families identify alternative programs or schools that meet students’ needs so that they may continue their education after Bread and Roses completes phasing out.

Bread and Roses is co-located with KAPPA IV (05M302, “KAPPA IV”), an existing district middle school that currently serves students in grades six through eight, and with Mott Hall High School (05M304, “Mott Hall”), an existing high school that currently serves students in grades nine through twelve. A “co-location” means that two or more school organizations are located in

the same building and may share common spaces like auditoriums, gymnasiums, and cafeterias.

Bread and Roses and Mott Hall admit students through the Citywide High School Admissions Process. Bread and Roses admits students through the educational option method. Mott Hall admits students through the limited unscreened method. KAPPA IV admits students through the District Middle School Choice Process. Additional information about these admissions processes and methods is in the amended EIS.

If this phase-out proposal is approved, Bread and Roses will continue serving currently enrolled students, but will begin phasing out one grade each year beginning in September 2013 and will complete its phase-out after the 2015-2016 school year. In a separate revised EIS, the DOE is proposing to open a new district secondary school, Eagle Academy, in building M136 beginning in September 2013. That 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). Eagle Academy will grow to full-scale as Bread and Roses phases out. The new school will open with sixth grade, adding one grade annually and reaching full-scale in the 2019-2020 school year with a grade span of six through twelve.

II. Summary of all public comments received following the initial public notice.

The public comments received are summarized as follows: (1) the school needs smaller class sizes and more resources to improve; (2) some commententors spoke in support of the principal and teachers at the school; (3) although the school has struggled, the school has undergone many positive changes and should be given more time to improve; (4) students spoke in support of the school and the extra attention that teachers give to struggling students; (5) the school serves a high needs population and does not turn students away.

III. 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 Bread and Roses, KAPPA IV, and Mott Hall.

IV. Submission of further public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D05Proposals@schools.nyc.gov

Oral comments can be left at 212-374-3466

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.

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

The joint public hearing for this proposal took place on:

February 13, 2012 at 6:00 pm at

Bread and Roses
6 Edgecombe Avenue
Manhattan, NY 10030

Questions about the proposal should be directed as indicated in Section V above.

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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