



Amended Notice
March 1, 2013

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Chancellor

Amended: The Proposed Co-location of a New Public Charter School, East Harlem Scholars Academy Charter School II (84MTBD) with Existing Schools J.H.S. 13 Jackie Robinson (04M013), Central Park East I (04M497), Central Park East High School (04M555) and East Harlem Scholars Academy Charter School (84M518) in School Building M013 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”) posted a proposal to site the kindergarten through eighth grades of East Harlem Scholars Academy Charter School II (84MTBD, “EHS II”) in building M013 (“M013”), located at 1573 Madison Avenue, Manhattan, NY 10029 in Community School District 4 (“District 4”). If this proposal is approved, EHS II would be co-located with J.H.S. 13 Jackie Robinson (04M013, “J.H.S. 13”), a middle school serving students in grades six through eight; Central Park East I (04M497, “CPE I”), an elementary school serving students in kindergarten through fifth grade and one section of full-day pre-kindergarten; Central Park East High School (04M555, “CPE HS”), a high school serving students in grades nine through twelve; and East Harlem Scholars Academy Charter School (84M518, “EHS I”), an existing charter elementary school that is phasing in and currently serves students in kindergarten through second grade.

The EIS has now been amended to update the programs and partnerships of CPE I to include Weekly Storyteller, Per Dev, and El Taller Latino Arts After School, and to clarify that J.H.S. 13 is the school proposed for phase-out in M013. These changes do not substantially revise the proposal.

The BUP has now been amended to clarify that schools are allotted substantially contiguous space and each school remaining in the building will maintain space on the floors that hold the majority of its instructional and/or administrative space in the current 2012-2013 school year, and to clarify that all schools, current and proposed, will have access to shared spaces being shared in the current 2012-2013 school year. The DOE believes that the space distribution is equitable. These changes do not substantially revise the proposal.

If this proposal is approved, EHS II will open in September 2013 and will serve 100-120

students in kindergarten and first grade, and will add one grade each year until it reaches full scale in M013 in 2020-2021. At that time, EHS II would serve approximately 450-540 students in kindergarten through eighth grade.

In a separate Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”), published on January 22, 2013, the DOE has proposed to gradually phase out and eventually close J.H.S. 13 because of its poor performance and inability to improve quickly to better support student needs. If the phase-out proposal is approved, J.H.S. 13 will no longer admit sixth grade students after the conclusion of the 2012-2013 school year. One grade will then be phased out in each subsequent year. During the 2013-2014 school year, J.H.S. 13 will serve students in seventh and eighth grade and in 2014-2015 it will serve students in eighth grade. J.H.S. 13 will then close in June 2015.

In a separate EIS published on January 22, 2013, the DOE has proposed to extend EHS I’s co-location in building M013 through the conclusion of the 2015-2016 school year, at which point EHS I will move to a private facility. If EHS I is unable to move into a private facility at the end of the 2015-2016 school year, EHS I will explore options to serve its students in a temporary space.

If the proposal to extend EHS I’s co-location in M013 is approved, and the proposal to phase out J.H.S. 13 is also approved, EHS II will expand into the space vacated by J.H.S. 13 as it phases out and by EHS I after it moves to private space. For the purposes of this proposal, it is assumed that the proposal to phase-out J.H.S. 13 will be approved by the Panel for Educational Policy (“PEP”). However, if the proposal to phase out J.H.S. 13 is not approved, this EIS and the accompanying Building Utilization Plan (“BUP”) will be revised as necessary.

On October 2, 2012 EHS II’s charter authorizer, the State University of New York Charter Schools Institute (“SUNY CSI”), approved EHS II to serve students in kindergarten through fifth grade. EHS II has informed the DOE that it intends to apply to SUNY CSI to expand its grade span to serve students in kindergarten through eighth grade, reaching full scale in 2020-2021. Only SUNY CSI has the authority to approve or deny that request. Should SUNY CSI deny EHS II’s request to expand, or if EHS II fails to make this request, EHS II will only serve its currently approved grade span of kindergarten through fifth grade. EHS I has also informed the DOE that it intends to apply to SUNY CSI to expand its grade span to serve students in kindergarten through eighth grade, though its expansion would occur at its private facility and so does not impact this proposal.

For the purposes of this EIS describing the proposal to open and co-locate EHS II, it is assumed that both the proposal to phase out J.H.S. 13 and the proposal to extend the co-location of EHS I in M013 until the conclusion of the 2015-2016 school year will be approved by the PEP. It is also assumed that EHS II’s request to SUNY CSI to expand to serve students in grades kindergarten through eight will be approved. However, if the proposal to phase out J.H.S. 13 and/or the proposal to extend the co-location of EHS I in M013 until the conclusion of the 2015-2016 school year are not approved, this EIS and the accompanying BUP will be revised as necessary. In addition, Should SUNY CSI deny EHS II’s request to expand to serve students in kindergarten through eighth grade, or if EHS II fails to make this request, EHS II will serve students in its currently authorized grade span of kindergarten through fifth grade and this EIS

and the accompanying BUP will be revised accordingly.

If this proposal is approved by the Panel for Educational Policy (“PEP”), EHS II will open in September 2013, serving students in kindergarten and first grade. If EHS II’s application to expand to serve students in kindergarten through eighth grade is also approved, EHS II will continue to add one grade per year until it reaches full scale in 2020-2021. EHS II will provide a preference to District 4 students in its charter school lottery application process.

As stated above, M013 currently houses four school organizations: J.H.S. 13, CPE I, CPE HS, and EHS I. J.H.S. 13 is an existing District 4 choice middle school that serves students in grades six through eight. CPE I is an existing DOE choice elementary school that serves students in kindergarten through fifth grade and offers a pre-kindergarten program. CPE HS is an existing DOE high school that serves students in grades nine through twelve. EHS I is a charter elementary school currently serving students in kindergarten through second grade. M013 also houses two community-based organizations (“CBOs”), the Harlem Family Institute and Girls Inc. This proposal is not expected to impact the siting of either CBO.

M013 has been identified as an under-utilized building. According to the 2011-2012 Enrollment Capacity Utilization Report (the “Blue Book”), M013 has the capacity to serve 1,227 students. During the current 2012-2013 school year the building serves 1,019 students, yielding a building utilization rate of 83% and demonstrating that the building is “underutilized” and has space to accommodate additional students.

In 2015-2016, the final year of EHS I’s co-location in M013, M013 has a total projected enrollment of 1,108-1,303 students served in M013. This results in a projected building utilization rate of 90%-106%.

In 2020-2021, when EHS II has reached full scale, M013 has a total projected enrollment of 1,093-1,278 students, resulting in a building utilization rate of 89% - 104%. While the anticipated utilization rate is in excess of 100% in several school years, as detailed in the BUP, all schools will receive space that meets their instructional needs, and the building has the space to accommodate J.H.S. 13, CPE I, CPE HS, EHS I, and EHS II as J.H.S. 13 phases out, and EHS I and EHS II both phase in.

The DOE does not anticipate that this proposal will affect student enrollment, the admissions process or instructional programming at J.H.S. 13, CPE I, CPE HS, and EHS I.

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. To create quality educational options, the DOE is proposing to site EHS II in M013, adding an additional elementary school option for students and families in District 4.

EHS II will be managed by the East Harlem Tutorial Program (“East Harlem Tutorial”), a CBO that has provided after-school education to 15,000 East Harlem students for 52 years. The DOE supports the siting of EHS II in District 4 in order to provide an additional educational opportunity for students and families.

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

The amended Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) and amended 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 EIS and amended BUP are also available in the J.H.S. 13 Jackie Robinson, Central Park East I, Central Park East High School, and East Harlem Scholars Academy Charter School main offices.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D04Proposals@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 hearing for this proposal.

The joint public hearing for the proposed phase-out of J.H.S. 13 Jackie Robinson was on February 25, 2013.

The joint public hearing for the proposed extension of co-location of EHS I in M013 and the proposed co-location of EHS II in M013 was on February 27, 2013.

Questions and comments about the proposal are accepted via email and phone as indicated in section IV 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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