



Notice
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Chancellor

Amended Educational Impact Statement: The Proposed Opening and Co-location of Three New High Schools (08X320, 08X348, 08X349) with Herbert H. Lehman High School (08X405), P721X@X405 (75X721), Renaissance High School for Musical Theater and Technology (08X293), and Westchester Square Academy (08X558) in School Building X405, Beginning in 2013-2014

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

On January 17, 2013, the New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) issued an Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) describing a proposal to open and co-locate three new district high schools (New School 1, “08X320;” New School 2, “08X348;” and New School 3, “08X349”) in school building X405 (“X405”) on the Herbert H. Lehman Educational Campus (“Lehman Campus”), beginning in the 2013-2014 school year. The Lehman Campus is located at 3000 East Tremont Avenue, Bronx, NY 10461, within the geographical confines of Community School District 8 (“District 8”).

In a separate EIS also posted on January 17, 2013, the DOE proposed to phase out and eventually close Lehman High School. That phase-out proposal has now been withdrawn. Instead, the current enrollment reduction already in progress at Lehman High School will be expanded to further allow the school to improve by narrowing its focus to fewer academic programs and a smaller number of students.

This EIS has been amended to include updated enrollment projections, building utilization information, and space allocations for the schools on the Lehman Campus.

If this co-location proposal is approved, the three new high schools will be co-located with the following organizations: Herbert H. Lehman High School (08X405, “Lehman High School”), a district high school serving students in grades nine through twelve; Renaissance High School for Musical Theater and Technology (08X293, “Renaissance High School”), a district high school serving students in grades nine through twelve; Westchester Square Academy (08X558, “Westchester Square”), a district high school currently serving students in ninth grade that is in the process of phasing in and will serve students in grades nine through twelve when it reaches full scale; a District 75 inclusion program (75X721, “P721X@X405” or “D75 inclusion program”); the Lehman Young Adult Borough Center (X408, “YABC”); a school-based health

center operated by the Montefiore Medical Center (“Montefiore Health Center”); and a part-time GED Plus - Learning-to-Work program (X950, “GED Plus - LTW”).

The proposed opening and co-location of three new district schools in X405 is part of the DOE’s central goal to create new school options that will better serve future students and the community at large. If approved, the new schools will offer rigorous academic programs that will prepare students for post-secondary education and work. Students will be able to apply to the new schools through the Citywide High School Admissions Process. All three schools will have a limited unscreened admissions method giving priority to students residing or attending school in the Bronx.

Lehman High School is in the process of implementing a targeted enrollment reduction, which was originally anticipated to result in the school serving 2,585 – 2,625 students by the 2015-2016 school year. In order to support the school’s improvement through focusing on fewer students, the enrollment reduction will be expanded so that Lehman High School will only serve 980-1,020 students by the 2016-2017 school year. If this co-location is not approved by the Panel for Educational Policy (“PEP”), the DOE will reassess the feasibility of expanding the enrollment reduction at Lehman High School.

If this co-location proposal is approved, the opening and co-location of these three new district high schools will help recover the seats that would otherwise have been lost at X405. In addition, this co-location proposal along with other proposals to improve high school options in the Bronx, if approved, will yield a net increase in the number of high school seats in the Bronx starting in September 2013.

In addition to the phase-in of three new schools, Westchester Square will continue to phase in as planned. The DOE is also planning to increase Westchester Square’s ninth-grade enrollment in 2013-2014. These additional students will be admitted through a screened admissions program.

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

The amended EIS and Notice of Hearing 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 Notice of Hearing are also available in the main offices of Herbert H. Lehman High School, Renaissance High School for Musical Theater & Technology, P.S. X721 - Stephen McSweeney School (P721X@X405), and Westchester Square Academy.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D08Proposals@schools.nyc.gov

Oral comments can be left at 212-374-5159

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.

The joint public hearing for this proposal was held at the following time and location:

When: February 26, 2013
Time: 6:00 PM
Where: 3000 East Tremont Avenue, Bronx, NY 10461

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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