



Notice
November 29, 2012

Dennis M. Walcott
Chancellor

The Proposed Co-location of Citizens of the World Charter School New York 2 (84KTBD) in Building K221 and Building K892 with Existing School P.S. 221 Toussaint L'Ouverture (17K221) Beginning in the 2013-2014 School Year

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

The New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) is proposing to co-locate a new public charter school, Citizens of the World Charter School New York 2 (84KTBD, “Citizens”), which will serve students in kindergarten through fifth grade, in building K221 (“K221”) and building K892 (“K892”), which are located at 791 Empire Boulevard, Brooklyn, NY 11213, in Brooklyn’s Community School District 17, beginning in the 2013-2014 school year. K221 and K892 currently house P.S. 221 Toussaint L’Ouverture (17K221, “P.S. 221”), an existing district elementary school that serves kindergarten through fifth grade students and offers two sections of full day pre-kindergarten. K221 serves as the school’s main building and K892 is a mini-school building attached to the main building and serves as an annex. If this proposal is approved, Citizens will be co-located in K221 and K892 with P.S. 221. The DOE does not anticipate that this proposal will affect P.S. 221’s pre-kindergarten program, which will continue to be offered, subject to funding and demand.

In the summer of 2010, the State University of New York Charter Schools Institute (“SUNY CSI”) authorized Citizens’ charter to serve students in kindergarten through fifth grades. Citizens will partner with Citizens of the World Charter Schools, a national network of charter schools. Citizens will open with kindergarten and first grade in 2013-2014 and will add one grade each year until it serves students in kindergarten through fifth grade in 2017-2018. The school will admit students via the charter lottery application process, with a preference given to District 17 residents.

According to the 2011-2012 Enrollment Capacity Utilization Report (“Blue Book”), K221 and K892 have the combined capacity to serve a total of 1,031 students. In 2012-2013, P.S. 221 is serving 481 students in kindergarten through fifth grade and 36 students in pre-kindergarten, yielding a building utilization rate of 50%. This means that the building is “underutilized” and has space to accommodate additional students. If this proposal is approved, in 2017-2018, once Citizens’ kindergarten through fifth grades have fully phased in and the school has reached full scale, Citizens is projected to serve 342-432 students, and P.S. 221 is projected to serve 450-510 kindergarten through fifth-grade

students and 36 pre-kindergarten students, for a total of 828-978 students, yielding a building utilization rate of approximately 80%-95%.

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

The Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) and Building Utilization Plan (“BUP”) can be found on the DOE’s Web site: <http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2012-2013/Jan2013Proposals.htm>.

Copies of the EIS and BUP are also available in the main offices of P.S. 221.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D17Proposals@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.

January 10, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

Building K221

791 Empire Boulevard

Brooklyn, NY 11213

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.

VI. Date, time and place of the Panel for Educational Policy meeting at which the Panel will vote on the proposed item.

January 16, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

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