



Notice
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Chancellor

**The Proposed Revision of the Building Utilization Plan for Building M501
Describing the Co-Location of Promise Academy I (84M284) Fourth Grade
and Promise Academy II (84M341) with Choir Academy of Harlem (05M469)
and an Alternative Learning Center (88M993)**

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

In an Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) posted on February 5, 2011, the New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) proposed to temporarily re-site the fourth grade of Harlem Children’s Zone/Promise Academy I (84M284, “PA I”), an existing public charter school that served 899 students in kindergarten through seventh grades and tenth and eleventh grades, from private, non-DOE space at 35 E. 125th Street, New York, NY 10035 in Community School District 5 (“125th Street Building”), to Building M501 (“M501”), located at 2005 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10035 in Community School District 5. Promise Academy I fourth graders were to be co-located in M501 with Choir Academy of Harlem (05M469, “Choir Academy”), an existing DOE secondary school serving grades six through twelve, Harlem Children’s Zone/Promise Academy II (84M341, “PA II”), an existing public charter school that at the time served kindergarten through sixth grade, and an Alternative Learning Center (88M993, “ALC”), where students who are suspended from their regular schools attend in order to receive academic, social, and emotional supports to prepare themselves for a return to the school from which they were suspended. 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. In a separate EIS posted at the same time, the DOE proposed to temporarily expand the grades served by Promise Academy II to kindergarten through seventh grades commencing in the 2011-2012 school year and adding eighth grade in the 2012-2013 school year in Building M501. Those proposals were approved by the Panel for Educational Policy (“PEP”) on March 23, 2011.

On May 25, 2011, the DOE issued revised EISs and a revised BUP with an adjusted shared space schedule, updated footnotes, updated room allocation charts and a note that Choir Academy be allocated the designed music rooms in the M501 building (the “2011 BUP”). Those revised proposals were approved by the PEP on June 27, 2011.

Since the PEP approved the revised proposals, including the 2011 BUP, Harlem Children’s Zone, the Charter Management Organization (“CMO”) that runs both PA I and PA II, decided to lease private space for the fourth grade of PA I for the 2011-2012 school year. The DOE is now further revising the 2011 BUP to reflect that during the current school year, PA I is no longer co-

locating with Choir Academy, PA II, and the ALC in the M501. The remainder of the proposals will remain effect. The revised BUP therefore reflects the following:

- Updated space allocations for Choir Academy, PA II, and the ALC in the M501 building in 2011-2012 that reflect that PA I is no longer co-locating in the M501 building during the current school year;
- Updated enrollment of all schools/programs currently co-located in the M501 building;
- The room count has been adjusted in order to more accurately reflect the total full-size, half-size, and administrative spaces within the M501 building; and
- A revised proposed shared space schedule for the 2011-2012 school year is on pages 12-15 of the BUP, and the DOE has clarified the rationale for the amount of time that each co-located school is allocated in the shared spaces under this proposal.

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

The revised BUP can be found on the Department of Education's Web site:

<http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2011-2012/Mar12012Proposals.htm>

Copies of the BUP are also available in the PA I, PA II, Choir Academy, and ALC main offices.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D05Proposals@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 the Panel for Educational Policy meeting at which the Panel will vote on the proposed item.

March 1, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.
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