



Notice
January 12, 2012

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Chancellor

The Proposed Re-Siting and Co-Location of Bronx Success Academy Charter School 2 (84X494) with Existing School P.S. 55 Benjamin Franklin (09X055) in Building X055 Beginning in 2012-2013

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

The New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) is proposing to re-site and co-locate Bronx Success Academy Charter School 2 (84X494, “BSA 2”), an existing public charter school, in building X055 (“X055”), located at 450 Saint Paul’s Place, Bronx, NY 10456, in Community School District 9, beginning in 2012-2013. BSA 2 would be co-located in X055 with P.S. 55 Benjamin Franklin (09X055, “P.S. 55”), an existing zoned elementary school serving kindergarten through fifth grades and offering a full-day pre-kindergarten program. BSA 2 is currently located in building X146 (“X146”) at 968 Cauldwell Avenue, Bronx, NY 10456, in Community School District 8, where it is co-located with P.S. 146 Edward Collins (08X146, “P.S. 146”). If this proposal is approved, BSA 2 would vacate its space in X146, in District 8, and be re-sited into X055, in District 9. BSA 2 currently serves kindergarten through second grades and would serve kindergarten through fourth grades in X055.

As with all zoned elementary schools, P.S. 55 manages its own enrollment process, giving priority to students residing in its zone in District 9. BSA 2 enrolls kindergarten students through a lottery, currently giving preference to students who reside in the same district in which the school is located.

Currently, in addition to P.S. 55, X055 also houses a middle school, Mott Hall III (09X128, “Mott Hall”). However, in a separate Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) also posted on January 12, 2012, the DOE has proposed to re-site Mott Hall to building X110 (“X110”), also in District 9, beginning in the 2012-2013 school year. As detailed in that proposal, Mott Hall is proposed to be located in the space currently used by Comprehensive School Model Project M.S. 327 (09X327, “M.S. 327”), which the DOE proposed to re-site in a separate proposal posted on December 1, 2011. The EIS describing the proposed re-siting of M.S. 327 can be found on the DOE’s Web site at <http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2011-2012/Jan2012Proposals>. The EIS describing the proposed re-siting of Mott Hall can be found on the DOE’s Web site at <http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2011-2012/Mar12012Proposals.htm>.

If all three proposals are approved, beginning in the 2012-2013 school year, M.S. 327 would be located in new construction at building X240, vacating its space in X110. Mott Hall would “backfill” M.S. 327 and be re-sited to X110, vacating its current space in X055. BSA 2 would

backfill Mott Hall and be re-sited to X055, vacating its current space in X146. The DOE intends to propose a new use of the space in X146 that BSA 2 will be vacating for 2012-2013. That proposal would be the subject of a new EIS and would be presented to the Panel for Educational Policy (“PEP”) for a vote.

If either of the other proposals is not approved, the DOE would reevaluate space availability at X055 and issue a revised EIS regarding BSA 2’s proposed co-location.

According to the 2010-2011 Enrollment Capacity Utilization Report (the “Blue Book”), X055 has the capacity to serve 1,363 students. Currently, the building serves 1,078 students, yielding a building utilization rate of 79%. If this proposal is approved, in 2012-2013, the first year of the proposed co-location, BSA 2 will serve approximately 375-425 students in kindergarten through third grades. BSA 2 would then add one grade in the 2013-2014 school year and serve approximately 465-530 students in kindergarten through fourth grades. At that time, X055 is projected to serve approximately 1,131-1,256 students enrolled in P.S. 55 and BSA 2, yielding an estimated building utilization rate of 83-92%. Thus, X055 has sufficient space to accommodate the proposed co-location of BSA 2’s kindergarten through fourth grades with P.S. 55.

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

The Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) 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 EIS are also available in the main offices of Bronx Success Academy 2, P.S. 146, and P.S. 55 Benjamin Franklin.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D09Proposals@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.

February 15, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.
Building X055
450 Saint Paul's Place
Bronx, NY 10456

Thursday, February 16, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.
Building X146
968 Cauldwell Avenue
Bronx, NY 10456

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.

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

Brooklyn Technical High School
29 Fort Greene Place
Brooklyn, NY 11217