Department of Education

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The Proposed Co-Location of New High School 27Q351 with Beach Channel High School (27Q410), Channel View School for Research (27Q262), Rockaway Park High School for Environmental Sustainability (27Q324), and a District 75 School (75Q256) in School Building Q410

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 high school, 27Q351, in school building Q410 ("Q410"), located at 100-00 Beach Channel Drive, Queens, NY 11694, within the geographical confines of Community School District 27 ("District 27"). The school would have a Limited Unscreened admissions policy and would be open to all New York City residents with priority for Queens residents.

If this proposal is approved, 27Q351 would be co-located with Beach Channel High School (27Q410), Channel View School for Research (27Q262, "Channel View"), Rockaway Park High School for Environmental Sustainability (27Q324, "RPHSES"), and a District 75 Special Education Teacher Support Services ("SETSS") school (75Q256, "P256"). In addition, a Living for the Young Family through Education ("LYFE") program is also located in Q410 which provides free childcare and support services for student parents. A "co-location" means that two or more school organizations are located in the same building and may share common spaces like auditoriums, gymnasiums, libraries, and cafeterias.

In a separate Educational Impact Statement (EIS), posted on December 13, 2010, the DOE also proposed to phase-out Beach Channel High School after an extensive review of data and community feedback indicating that the school is unable to turn around despite numerous efforts to improve instruction and school organization.

In the event that the phase-out of Beach Channel High School is not approved, the DOE would re-examine the availability of space in the building, and may, as appropriate, revise its proposal to co-locate 27Q351 in building Q410. Such a proposal would be described in a separate EIS. However, given the underutilization in Q410, the proposal to site 27Q351 is not contingent on the proposal to phase-out Beach Channel High School.

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Last year, the Panel for Educational Policy (PEP) voted to phase-out Beach Channel High School based on evidence that the school was unable to improve student performance significantly; however, a lawsuit prevented the DOE from following through with those plans. The DOE recently conducted another comprehensive review of the school and concluded that only the most serious intervention—the gradual phase-out and closure of Beach Channel High School—would address the school's longstanding performance struggles and allow for the development of new school options in the building.

Over the last few years, the number of students enrolled at Beach Channel High School has declined, suggesting that students and families are seeking options outside of the borough that are better matched to their interests and needs. Using under-utilized space in building Q410 to open a new high school in Queens would expand the range of school options available to students and families, and, in the long-run, would increase the number of students from local neighborhoods who apply to attend school in the Q410 building.

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/2010-2011/Feb32011Proposals

A copy of the EIS is also available in the main offices of Beach Channel High School, Channel View School for Research, Rockaway Park High School for Environmental Sustainability, and P256.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to HS.Proposals@schools.nyc.gov.

Oral comments can be left at 212-374-7621.

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.

Name: Gentian Falstrom
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V. Date, time and place of joint public hearings for this proposal.

January 13, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.
Beach Channel High School
167-01 Gothic Drive,
Rockaway Park, NY 11432

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. Interpretation services will be provided in Spanish. To request interpretation services in another language, please contact Ms. Falstrom at the e-mail address or telephone number above.

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

February 3, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.
Brooklyn Technical High School
29 Fort Greene Place
Brooklyn, NY 11217