Amended Notice
December 14, 2010

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Chancellor

The Proposed Phase-out of Beach Channel High School (27Q410)

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

Beach Channel High School (27Q410, "Beach Channel") is an existing high school located at 100-00 Beach Channel Drive, Rockaway Park, NY 11694, located within the geographical confines of Community School District 27. It currently serves students in grades nine through twelve. The New York City Department of Education (DOE) is proposing to phase out and eventually close Beach Channel based on its poor performance and the DOE's assessment that the school lacks the capacity to turn around quickly to better support student needs.

If this proposal is approved, Beach Channel would be phased out gradually over the next several years. Beach Channel would no longer admit new ninth-grade students at the end of the 2010-2011 school year. Current students would be supported as they progress towards graduation while remaining enrolled in Beach Channel. In cases where students do not complete graduation requirements by the June 2014 closure date, the DOE will help students and families identify alternative programs or schools that meet students' needs so that they may continue their education after Beach Channel completes phasing out.

Beach Channel is located in building Q410 and is currently co-located with 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"). Channel View is a school that opened in 2004 that serves students in grades 6-12. RPHSES is a new high school that opened in September 2010 with its first cohort of 9th grade students. The school is still phasing into the building, adding a new grade of students annually. When RPHSES completes its expansion in the 2013-2014 school year, the school will serve students in grades 9th through 12th. P256 serves emotionally disturbed, autistic, or multiply handicapped students in grades 9-12. Building Q410 also offers free childcare and support services for student parents through the Living for the Young Family Through Education program ("LYFE").

In 2009-2010, Q410 had a target capacity to serve 3,254 students. The three schools within the building last year enrolled a total of 1,947 students—1,275 students at Beach Channel, 564 students at Channel View, and 108 students at P256. Thus, the building utilization rate was 61% of total capacity. This current year there are 1,848 students projected to be enrolled in the

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building—1,094 at Beach Channel, 548 at Channel View, 98 at P256, and 108 at RPHSES, yielding an estimated utilization rate of 57% of target capacity. This means that the building is "under-utilized" and has extra space to accommodate additional students. If this proposal is approved, the other schools located in the Q410 building would continue serving their current students, with RPHSES adding one grade per year as it continues to expand to full scale by 2013-2014.

In a separate Educational Impact Statement (EIS), posted on December 13, 2010, the DOE also proposed that 27Q351, a new high school with a "limited unscreened" admissions policy, begin phasing into the Q410 campus. If approved, 27Q351 would enroll a ninth-grade class in the 2011-2012 school year. This new school would continue growing to full scale as Beach Channel phases out, and would complete its expansion during the 2014-2015 school year, at which point it would serve students in grades 9-12.

This Notice was initially published on December 13, 2010, and was amended on December 14, 2010 to reflect the accurate address for the joint public hearing below.

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 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.

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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 Educational Campus
100-00 Beach Channel Drive
Rockaway Park, NY 11694

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