



Notice
December 17, 2010

Joel I. Klein
Chancellor

The Proposed Phase-out of P.S. 114 Ryder Elementary (18K114)

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

P.S. 114 Ryder Elementary (18K114, “P.S. 114”) is an existing zoned elementary school located at 1077 Remsen Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11236, in Community School District 18, in Building K114 (“K114”). It currently serves students in Kindergarten through fifth grade and offers a full-day Pre-Kindergarten program. The New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) is proposing to phase out and eventually close P.S. 114 based on its poor performance, and the DOE’s assessment that the school lacks capacity to turn around quickly to better support student needs.

If this proposal were approved, P.S. 114 would no longer admit Kindergarten, first, and second grade students or offer a Pre-Kindergarten program after the conclusion of the 2010-2011 school year. Current students in grades two, three, and four will continue to be served by P.S. 114 and be supported as they progress toward completion of elementary school at P.S. 114 to middle school via the District 18 Middle School Choice Process. Current students in grade five will be supported in participating in the District 18 Middle School Choice Process consistent with current practice. Beginning in the 2011-2012 school year after grades K, 1, and 2 are phased out, P.S. 114 will serve one grade less each subsequent year until it completes its phase-out in June 2014.

Students in grades K-2 would be served in one of two new elementary schools that the DOE will propose to open in the P.S.114 building in a forthcoming Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”). One of these schools – 18K521 (“P.S. 521”) – would be a zoned school, serving the same zone as P.S. 114, and will likely offer a Pre-Kindergarten program. The second school will most likely be a charter school, but the admissions policy and total grade levels served at the school have not yet been determined. The DOE, however, anticipates that both new schools will serve students who would have previously attended P.S. 114. Current Kindergarten and first-grade students in P.S. 114 would attend P.S. 521 for first and second grade respectively beginning in September 2011. At a minimum, the new charter school would admit incoming Kindergarteners, first-grade and second-grade students through the charter lottery application process in the spring with priority preference to District 18 students.

In 2009-2010, K114 had a target capacity to serve 986 students, and the building enrolled 844 students, yielding a target building utilization rate of 86%. This means that the building has space to accommodate additional students. If the DOE’s separate proposal to co-locate the two new elementary schools in K114 is approved, both new schools will begin phasing-in in the 2011-2012 school year.

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

The Educational Impact Statement can be found on the Department of Education's Web site:
<http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2010-2011/Feb32011Proposals>

Copies of the EIS are also available in the P.S. 114's main office.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D18Proposals@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 24, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.
P.S. 114 Ryder Elementary
1077 Remsen Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11236

Questions about the proposal can 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. To request interpretation services, 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