



Notice
December 20, 2010

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Chancellor

The Proposed Phase-out of P.S. 332 Charles H. Houston (23K332)

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

P.S. 332 Charles H. Houston (23K332, “P.S. 332”) is a zoned elementary school located at 51 Christopher Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11212, in Community School District 23, in Building K332 (“K332”). It currently serves students in Kindergarten through eighth grade and offers a full-day Universal Pre-Kindergarten program. An Alternative Learning Center (K992, “Alternative Learning Center”) is also located at K332. The New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) is proposing to phase out and eventually close P.S. 332 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 the proposal to phase out P.S. 332 is approved, P.S. 332 would no longer admit Kindergarten students or offer first, second, and sixth grades after the conclusion of the 2010-2011 school year. It would also not offer the Universal Pre-Kindergarten program after the conclusion of the 2010-2011 school year. Current students in second, third, and fourth grades would continue to be served by P.S. 332 as they progress toward completion of elementary school at P.S. 332.

Students in fifth grade would participate in the District 23 Middle School Choice Process consistent with current practice. Current fifth graders will also be guaranteed a seat at Mott Hall Bridges Middle School (23K671, “Mott Hall Bridges”), an existing middle school that is currently in the process of phasing in and is located less than one mile from P.S. 332 at 210 Chester Street, Brooklyn, NY 11212.

Current sixth- and seventh-grade students will continue to be served by P.S. 332 and will be supported as they progress toward completion of middle school. Consistent with current practice, current students in eighth grade will be supported in using the High School Admissions Process to select a high school.

In 2009-2010, K332 had a target capacity of 964 students, and the building enrolled 479 students, with a Pre-Kindergarten section of 18 students, yielding a target building utilization rate of 52%.

By 2012-2013, the ALC at K332 will be re-sited to an alternate location within District 23 or where there is a district need for an additional ALC.

In a separate Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) also posted on December 20, 2010, the DOE will propose to open a new zoned elementary school, P.S. 401, in K332 to serve students in Kindergarten through fifth grade when fully phased in. The seats lost by the phase-out of P.S.

332 would be recovered through the phase-in of the new zoned elementary school, P.S. 401. In the same proposal, the DOE is also proposing to re-site and co-locate an existing charter school, Leadership Preparatory Ocean Hill Charter School (84K775, "Ocean Hill"), which would serve Kindergarten through eighth grade students when it reaches full scale in K332 in 2017-2018. This charter school would give preference to students in District 23.

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 main offices of P.S. 332 and Leadership Preparatory Ocean Hill Charter School.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D23Proposals@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 27, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. P.S. 332 Charles H. Houston Elementary 51 Christopher Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11212	January 25, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. Leadership Prep Ocean Hill Charter School 1137 Herkimer Street Brooklyn, NY 11233
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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