



Amended Notice
January 19, 2011

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Chancellor

The Proposed Co-location of 28Q350 with Jamaica High School (28Q470), Queens Collegiate: A College Board School (28Q310), Hillside Arts & Letters Academy (28Q325), and the High School for Community Leadership (28Q328) in School Building Q470

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 28Q350, a new high school, in school building Q470 (“Q470”) located at 167-01 Gothic Drive, Jamaica, NY 11432, within the geographical confines of Community School District 28 (“District 28”). The proposed new high school, 28Q350, would offer a rigorous academic program and prepare students for post-secondary work in the sciences and medicine. If this proposal is approved, 28Q350 would be co-located with Jamaica High School (28Q470, “Jamaica High School”); Queens Collegiate: A College Board School (28Q310, “Queens Collegiate”), an existing 6-12 school; Hillside Arts & Letters Academy (28Q325, “Hillside Academy”), an existing 9-12 school; and the High School for Community Leadership (28Q328, “Community Leadership”), an existing 9-12 school, in school building Q470. A “co-location” means that two or more school organizations are located in the same building and may share common spaces like auditoriums, gymnasiums, and cafeterias.

In a separate Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) posted on December 20, 2010 and amended on January 19, 2011, the DOE also proposed to phase out and eventually close Jamaica High School. In the event that the phase-out of Jamaica 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 28Q350 in Q470. Such a revised proposal would be described in a revised EIS. This amended EIS corrects typographical and formatting errors, clarifies the methodology for calculating utilization rates, corrects the projected enrollment for Community Leadership in one table, and updates the number of high school seats being created in Queens.

Jamaica currently serves a total of 1,266 students in grades 9-12. Jamaica is co-located with Queens Collegiate, Hillside Academy, and Community Leadership in school building Q470. The DOE proposed to phase out Jamaica 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. If the Panel for Educational Policy approves the proposal to phase out Jamaica High School, the school would no longer admit new ninth grade students after the end of this school year. However, Jamaica High School would continue to serve students currently enrolled in the school, except as noted below. Jamaica High School’s enrollment would decrease gradually over the next three years, and the school would complete phasing out in June 2014.

The proposed co-location of 28Q350 in building Q470 is part of the DOE’s central goal to create new school options that will better serve future students and the community at large. The DOE

has already opened three new schools in building Q470 in an effort to create schools with high academic standards in this traditionally underserved community. The DOE is committed to integrating Jamaica High School's most successful practices into replacement plans. 28Q350 would be modeled after Jamaica High School's Gateway Institute for Pre-College Education, an honors program for college-bound students. The new school would strive to set high standards and create a positive learning environment for its students. Students would be challenged to think critically and creatively and explore new academic interests and extracurricular activities.

This new school would open serving ninth-grade students beginning in the 2011-2012 school year. Current ninth through eleventh grade students in Jamaica High School's Gateway Program would have the option to receive an administrative transfer to the new school. Any current student in the Gateway program at Jamaica who does not wish to transfer to the new school would be offered a seat in the remaining programs at Jamaica High School. The Jamaica Gateway Program would close at effective September 2011.

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

The amended EIS 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 amended EIS are also available in the main offices of Jamaica High School, Queens Collegiate, Hillside Academy, and Community Leadership.

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 20, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

Jamaica High School, 167-01 Gothic Drive, Jamaica, NY 11432

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. 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