



Amended Notice
January 27, 2011

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The Proposed Phase-out of John F. Kennedy High School (10X475)

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

John F. Kennedy High School (10X475, “Kennedy”) is an existing high school located at 99 Terrace View Avenue, Bronx, NY 10463, within the geographical confines of Community School District 10. It currently serves students in grades nine through twelve. On December 20, the New York City Department of Education (DOE) published an Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) describing a proposal to phase out and eventually close Kennedy 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. The DOE has now issued an amended EIS, which corrects typographical and formatting errors, corrects a utilization rate, explains the methodology for calculating such rates, clarifies the “over-the-counter” enrollment process and includes certain room allocation totals, but which does not modify or revise the proposal itself.

If approved, Kennedy would no longer admit new ninth-grade students after the conclusion of the 2010-2011 school year. Current students would be supported as they progress towards graduation while remaining enrolled at Kennedy. In cases where students do not complete graduation requirements by June 2014, the DOE will help students and families identify alternative programs or schools that meet students’ needs so that they may continue their education after Kennedy completes its phase-out.

Kennedy is located in building X475 and is currently co-located with five other district high schools: Bronx Engineering and Technology Academy (10X213, “BETA”), Bronx School for Law and Finance (10X284), E.L.L.I.S Preparatory Academy (10X397), Marble Hill High School for International Studies (10X477), and Bronx Theatre High School (10X546). E.L.L.I.S is relatively new and is still “phasing in” to the building, gradually growing to “full scale” as it adds a new grade of students annually. The other schools in the building have already reached full-scale and currently enroll students in grades 9-12. Building X475 also houses a part-time, evening GED Plus Learning to Work Program. 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 2009-2010, Building X475 had a target capacity of 3,992 students and enrolled 3,111 students, yielding a building utilization rate of 79%. In 2010-2011, the six schools within the building are projected to serve a total of 3,084 students, which would yield a target building utilization rate of 77%. This means that the building is “underutilized” and has extra space to accommodate additional students.

If this proposal is approved, the existing schools located in X475 would continue to serve their current students and E.L.L.I.S. would continue to phase-in as planned. In a EIS, which was posted on January 15, 2011, the DOE also proposed to co-locate two new high schools in building X475 as replacement options for Kennedy. Those schools would begin phasing into the X475 campus, starting with a ninth-grade cohort during the 2011-2012 school year, and would continue growing to full-scale as Kennedy phases out. Both new schools would complete their expansions during the 2014-2015 school year, at which point they would serve students in grades 9-12.

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

The amended Educational Impact Statement regarding the proposed phase-out of Kennedy 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 John F. Kennedy High School, Bronx Engineering and Technology Academy, Bronx School for Law and Finance, E.L.L.I.S. Preparatory Academy, Marble Hill High School, and Bronx Theatre High School.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to HS.Proposals@schools.nyc.gov. Oral comments can be left at 212-374-5159.

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 28, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.
John F. Kennedy High School
99 Terrace View Avenue
Bronx, NY 10463

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