



Amended Notice
January 27, 2011

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The Proposed Phase-out of Performance Conservatory High School (12X262)

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

Performance Conservatory High School (12X262, “Performance Conservatory”) is an existing high school located at 1619 Boston Road, Bronx, NY 10460, within the geographical confines of Community School District 12. It currently serves students in grades nine through twelve. On December 20, 2010, the New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) published an Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) describing a proposal to phase out Performance Conservatory based on its poor performance and the DOE’s assessment that the school lacks 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, includes an explanation of the methodology for calculating such rates, corrects the anticipated grade spans of new school 12X511 over the next several years and clarifies the “over-the-counter” enrollment process, but which does not modify or revise the proposal itself.

If this proposal is approved, Performance Conservatory 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 in Performance Conservatory. In cases where students do not complete graduation requirements by June 2014, the DOE would help students and families identify alternative programs or schools that meet students’ needs so that they may continue their high school education after Performance Conservatory completes phasing out.

Performance Conservatory is located in Building X098 and is currently co-located with a high school, Explorations Academy (12X251, “Explorations”), and a junior high school, J.H.S. 098 Herman Ridder (12X098, “J.H.S. 098”). Both schools are at full scale in the building. Explorations Academy currently enrolls students in grades 9-12 and J.H.S 098 currently enrolls students in grades 6-8. 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. Building X098 also offers free childcare and support services for student parents through the Living for the Young Family through Education program (“LYFE”).

In 2009-2010, Building X098 had a target capacity of 1,678 students, and the building enrolled a total of 1,225 students, yielding a utilization rate of 74% of target capacity. In the current school year, 2010-2011, the schools in Building X098 enroll a projected 1,290 students, yielding an estimated utilization rate of 77%. The two other schools currently located in X098, J.H.S 098 and Explorations, are fully phased in and will continue operating at or near their current enrollment levels regardless of whether this proposal is approved.

In addition, in a separate EIS, posted on December 20, 2010 and amended on January 27, 2011, the DOE has proposed to create a new high school (“12X511”), which would begin phasing into

Building X098 with a ninth-grade class during the 2011-2012 school year. 12X511 would continue growing to full scale as Performance Conservatory phases out, and the new school would complete its expansion during the 2014-2015 school year, at which point it 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 concerning the proposed phase-out of Performance Conservatory 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 Performance Conservatory, Explorations Academy, and J.H.S. 098.

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
Office: Division of Portfolio Planning
Address: 52 Chambers St
Email: HS.Proposals@schools.nyc.gov
Phone: 212-374-5159

V. Date, time and place of joint public hearings for this proposal.

January 28, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.
Performance Conservatory / Explorations / J.H.S. 098
1619 Boston Road
Bronx, NY 10460

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