Department of Education

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The Proposed Co-location of 11X508 with Christopher Columbus High School (11X415), Global Enterprise High School (11X541), Collegiate Institute for Math and Science (11X288), Astor Collegiate Academy (11X299), Pelham Preparatory Academy (11X542), and a District 75 High School Inclusion Program (P010X@Columbus) in School Building X415

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

The New York City Department of Education ("DOE") proposes to co-locate 11X508, a new high school, in school building X415 ("X415") located at 925 Astor Avenue, Bronx, NY 10469, within the geographical confines of Community School District 11. If this proposal is approved, 11X508 would be co-located with five existing high schools: Christopher Columbus High School (11X415, "Columbus"), Global Enterprise High School (11X541, "Global Enterprise"), Collegiate Institute for Math and Science (11X288, "Collegiate Institute"), Astor Collegiate Academy (11X299, "Astor Collegiate"), Pelham Preparatory Academy (11X542, "Pelham Prep"), and a District 75 school's high school inclusion program ("P010X@Columbus"). P010X students are enrolled in Columbus' general education classes, and, depending on their individual needs, receive Special Education Teacher Support Services ("SETSS"). X415 also houses a Young Adult Borough Center ("YABC") at Columbus. 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. The YABC program X415 would not be impacted by the co-location of 11X508.

In two separate Educational Impact Statements ("EIS") published on December 20, 2010, the DOE also proposed to gradually phase out and eventually close Global Enterprise and Columbus High School due to their chronic low performance. As part of the replacement strategy for Global Enterprise and Columbus, the DOE is proposing to phase in two new district high schools, 11X508 and 11X509, in the X415 building beginning in 2011-2012. The replacement option for Columbus, 11X508, is delineated in the EIS available at the link below and the replacement option for Global Enterprise, 11X509, is described in a separate EIS.

In the event that the phase-out of Global Enterprise and/or Columbus is not approved, the DOE would re-examine the availability of space in the building, and may, as appropriate, revise its proposals to co-locate 11X508 and/or 11X509 in X415.

In 2009-2010, X415 had a target capacity to serve 3,055 students, and the building enrolled

3,264 students, yielding a target building utilization rate of 109%. In 2010-2011, the total enrollment for all schools in the building is projected to be 3,039, which would yield a utilization rate of 99%. This means that the building is nearly fully utilized.

The proposed co-location of 11X508 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 new school would open during the 2011-2012 school year and is expected to reach full-scale in 2014-2015, serving approximately 400-450 students in grades nine through twelve.

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 Collegiate Institute, Astor Collegiate, Global Enterprise, Pelham Prep, P010X@Columbus, and Columbus.

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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Email: HS.Proposals@schools.nyc.gov
Phone: 212-374-5159

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

January 20, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.
Christopher Columbus High School – Christopher Columbus Educational Campus
925 Astor Avenue
Bronx, NY 10469

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