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**NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION – DIVISION OF
PORTFOLIO PLANNING**

**Re-Siting and Co-Location of 24Q290
and 75QTBA from Q873 to Q290**

December 3, 2013

5:30pm

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2 MS. MADELINE CHAN: Good evening. This is a
3 joint public hearing of the Department of
4 Education community education council and school
5 leadership team for the proposed re-siting and
6 co-location of PS290 Ace Academy for Scholars at
7 the Geraldine Ferraro campus, 24Q290 with
8 PSQ277, 75Q277 at Q290 - - 75 school in new
9 building Q290 beginning in the 2014-2015 school
10 year. I am district 24 superintendent Madeline
11 Chan. We have asked the district 24 community
12 education council and the school leadership team
13 PS290 to participate in this joint public
14 hearing. I am joined tonight by Principal Mia
15 J. Harris [phonetic] PS290 and upcoming leader
16 Susan Meltzie [phonetic] PSQ277, 75Q277, and
17 Q290. The CEC had confirmed attendance to
18 tonight's joint public hearing. However, the
19 designated CEC representation could not attend
20 the joint public hearing tonight due to an
21 unforeseen circumstance. The hearing is being
22 recorded. The purpose of this hearing is for
23 you to provide comments about the proposal.
24 Before I describe the proposal, I want to make
25 sure you are all aware of the opportunity to

1 provide your input. All those who wish to
2 speak must sign up at the speaker sign up area
3 located just outside the auditorium. The sign-
4 up list will close in 15 minutes. Speakers will
5 be given the floor in the order that they signed
6 up. All comments are limited to two minutes.
7 There may be elected officials who arrive at
8 different times throughout the evening. If they
9 wish to speak, we will do our best to
10 accommodate them at the first opportune moment.
11 Those who are here at the start of public
12 comment segment will be asked to speak first.
13 All comments will be mentioned in the analysis
14 of public comment to be published and provided
15 to the Panel for Educational Policy the evening
16 before the panel votes. That vote is scheduled
17 for December 11th. In addition, we welcome any
18 comments and feedback you may have at any time
19 before the panel votes on this proposal. The
20 email address and phone number where comments
21 may be made are d24proposals@schools.nyc.gov,
22 202-374-7621. Now I will read the proposal
23 summary. The New York City Department of
24 Education is proposing to re-site and co-locate
25 PS290 Ace Academy for Scholars at the Geraldine

1 Ferraro campus in new building Q290 located at
2 5520 Metropolitan Avenue, Queens, New York 11378
3 within the geographically designed community
4 school district 24 with PS277 at Q290, one site
5 in existing multi-site district 75 school
6 beginning in the 2014-2015 school year. PS290
7 is an existing un-zoned elementary school that
8 currently serves students in kindergarten
9 through 3rd grades in building Q873 located at
10 70-02 54th Avenue, Queens, New York 11378 within
11 the geographically confines of district 24.
12 PS290 is facing a - - serve grades kindergarten
13 through five at scale. It is currently located
14 in Q873 with - - 73, the Frank - - Intermediate
15 School, an existing middle school serving grades
16 six through eight. Q873 is a mini-building
17 located adjacent to main building Q073. A re-
18 siting means that a school will be located in a
19 different building than the building it is
20 currently located in. A co-location means that
21 two or more school organizations are located in
22 the same building often sharing common spaces
23 like the auditorium, gymnasium and cafeteria.
24 If this proposal is approved PS290 will be re-
25 sited to its long-term location in building Q290

1 beginning in the 2014-2015 school year. PS290
2 will no longer serve any students in Q873 after
3 the conclusion of the 13-14 school year and will
4 serve all its students in Q290 beginning in 14-
5 15 school year. PS290 will serve kindergarten
6 through 4th grade in Q290 in 2014-15 and reach
7 full scale in 290 serving grades kindergarten
8 through five in 2015-2016. P277 and Q290 is a
9 new district 75 program that if this proposal is
10 approved will open in September 2014 in Q290 row
11 co-located with PS290. P277 and Q290 will serve
12 students with an individualized education
13 program classifications of multiple disabilities
14 and autism. P277 and Q290 is projected to serve
15 approximately 50 to 60 students in grades
16 kindergarten through five beginning in the 14-15
17 school year. Building Q290 is a new site
18 currently under construction by the school
19 construction authority and construction is
20 anticipated to be completed by September 2014.
21 The re-siting of PS290 is contingent upon the
22 completion of this new building. The new
23 building also includes design space for a
24 district 75 school. According to the SCA, new
25 building P290 has a target capacity to serve a

1 total of 616 students. If this proposal is
2 approved, projected enrollment in 14-15 in PS290
3 and Q290 will be approximately 330 to 380
4 kindergarten and 4th grade students. At the
5 projected enrollment of P277 and Q290 will be
6 approximately 50 to 60 kindergarten through 5th
7 grade students. This will result in a total
8 projected building enrollment of 380 to 440
9 students yielding a building utilization rate of
10 62 to 71 percent. In the 14-15 school year when
11 PS290 has reached full scale serving students in
12 grades kindergarten through five, there will be
13 a total of approximately 465 to 535 students in
14 building Q290 yielding a projected building
15 utilization rate of 75 to 87 percent. PS290
16 will complete basing in all grades from 15-16.
17 However, as a result of re-zoning the current
18 kindergarten class is smaller than future
19 project incoming classes. The actual - - PS290
20 will be stable enrollment from 2019-2020 with
21 500 to 560 students in grade K through five.
22 Once PS290 is at stable enrollment in 2019-2020,
23 PS290 at P277 and Q290 are projected to serve a
24 total of 550 to 620 students in building Q290
25 yielding an estimated building utilization rate

1 of 89 to 101 percent. PS290 is currently an
2 existing un-zoned elementary school. On October
3 22nd, 2013, the district 24 CEC approved a plan
4 to create a PS290 elementary school zone within
5 a geographic confines of district 24. The
6 admission process at PS290 will change in
7 September 2014 to be a zoned elementary school
8 serving students residing in the Q290 zone. The
9 change in the admissions process at PS290 will
10 allow for alleviation of overcrowded schools in
11 the immediate area of building Q290. Should
12 Q290 not open in September 2014, the DOE will
13 reassess its plans for the PS290. That's the
14 end of the proposal. At this time, if anyone
15 would like to speak I'd like to open the floor.
16 We did not have anyone sign up. There is a
17 statement that the DOE--I'm sorry. There is a
18 statement that the CEC made and that will be
19 submitted for record. We have now concluded the
20 formal presentations. There are no public
21 comments to be made. Again, we welcome any
22 comments and feedback that you may have in the
23 time before the Panel of Educational Policy
24 votes on this proposal at its December 11th
25 meeting. The email address and phone number

1 where comments may be made, again, are
2 d24proposals@schools.nyc.gov, 212-374-7621.
3 Thank you for your participation. This joint
4 public hearing is now closed.

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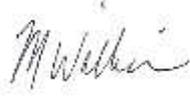
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