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

**Re-Siting of Grades K-1
of 20K112 at K768**

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5:30pm

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2 MS. KARINA CONSTANTINO: We're on now. Good
3 evening. This is joint public hearing of the
4 Department of Education Community Educational
5 Council and School Leadership Team for the
6 proposed re-siting of kindergarten and first
7 grade of PS112 Lefferts Park 20K112 in new
8 building K768 beginning in the 2015/2015 school
9 year. I am Karina Constantino, superintendent
10 for Community School District 20. We have asked
11 the District 20 Community Education Council and
12 the School Leadership Team from PS112 to
13 participate in this joint public hearing. I am
14 joined tonight by Mary Kaiser from the SLT and
15 President Laurie Windsor from the CEC as well as
16 Louise Alfano, principal of PS112. This hearing
17 is being audio of video recorded. The purpose
18 of this hearing is for you to provide comments
19 about the proposal. Before I describe the
20 proposal, I want to make sure that you are all
21 aware of the opportunity to provide your input.
22 All of those who wish to speak, must sign up in
23 the speaker's sign-up area located just outside
24 the auditorium. The sign-up list will close in
25 15 minutes. Speakers will be given the floor in

1 the order that they signed up. All comments
2 are limited to two minutes. There may be
3 elected officials who arrive at different times
4 throughout the evening. If they wish to speak,
5 we will do our best to accommodate them at the
6 first opportune moment. Those who are here at
7 the start of the public comment segment will be
8 asked to speak first. In addition, we welcome
9 any comments and feedback you may have. All
10 comments submitted prior to 24 hours before the
11 Panel for Educational Policy votes on this
12 proposal including the comments presented at
13 this meeting will be mentioned in the analysis
14 of public comment to be published and provided
15 to the panel the evening before the panel votes.
16 That vote is scheduled for November 25th, 2014.
17 The email address and phone number where
18 additional comments may be made after tonight's
19 meeting are d20promposals@schools.nyc.gov and
20 212-374-0208. Now to go into the proposal
21 summary. As many of you may be aware District
22 20 is currently one of New York City's most
23 crowded community school districts and is in
24 need of additional seats across grade levels.
25 The purpose of this proposal is to use new space

1 that has become available at building 768 to
2 relocate the kindergarten and first grade of
3 PS112, Lefferts Park, to the new space available
4 at K768. This re-siting together with the
5 rezoning approved on October 8th, 2014 by the
6 District 20 Community Education Council, which
7 expands the 112 zone and reduces the zone of
8 neighboring elementary school PS176, Ovington
9 provides District 20 with 256 additional
10 elementary school seats. By enabling PS112 to
11 grow its enrollment across its current building
12 and the new K768 building, the DOE expects a
13 reduction in overcrowding conditions at PS112 as
14 well as neighboring elementary school PS176.
15 PS112 is currently located here in building K112
16 and is projected to serve 539 students in
17 kindergarten through 5th grades this school
18 year. K768, a new lease space currently under
19 renovation by the School Construction Authority
20 is located approximately 367 feet from K112 at
21 7301 15th Avenue. If this proposal is approved,
22 PS112 will serve kindergarten at K768 and grades
23 one through five at its current location ion
24 2015/2016. Once this proposal is fully
25 implemented in 2016/2017, PS112 will serve

1 kindergarten and first grade at K768 and grades
2 two through five at K112. If this proposal
3 approved in 2015/16 building K768 will serve
4 PS112's kindergarten and have an estimate
5 building utilization rate of 47 percent to 51
6 percent in 2016/17 and beyond when K768 serves
7 PS112's kindergarten and first grade it will
8 have an estimated building utilization rate of
9 94 percent to 102 percent. If this proposal is
10 approved in 2015/16, K112 would first--would
11 serve first through fifth grades at PS112 and
12 have an estimated building utilization rate of
13 125 percent to 140 percent in 2016 through 2017
14 when PS112 second through fifth grades are
15 served in K112 there will be an estimated
16 building utilization rate of 100 percent to 112
17 percent. Once the approved re-zoning is fully
18 implemented and PS112 is at stabilized
19 enrollment in 2020 to 2021 K112 is expected to
20 have an estimated building utilization rate of
21 141 percent to 153 percent. The combined
22 capacity across K112 and K768 is 596 yielding a
23 combined building utilization rate of 121
24 percent to 131 percent for the school in
25 2020/2021 when enrollment is fully phased in and

1 it serves students across the two sites. This
2 projected combined building utilization rate for
3 K112 and K768 represents a decrease from K112's
4 current utilization rate of 159 percent and an
5 overall improvement in learning conditions at
6 PS112. The re-siting proposal was developed in
7 response to community feedback about the most
8 appropriate use of the new building K768. Thank
9 you. The next piece of this is the presentation
10 by hearing participants. The next presenter
11 will be Laurie Windsor of the Community
12 Education Council.

13 MS. LAURIE WINDSOR: Thank you. CEC 20 is
14 very relieved that we additional seats for the
15 district and we're relieved that PS112 and 176
16 will see some relief. There is one concern and
17 one issue that we'd like to bring to the
18 Department of Education and that is to request
19 additional funding for the PS112 budget. The
20 additional funding is needed for staffing in the
21 768 building specifically a school secretary and
22 aides. Aides--whether it be for copying and
23 especially for lunch duty. So that is the only
24 concern that we have at this point is that we'd
25 like to request additional funding for the PS112

1 budget. Thank you.

2 MS. CONSTANTINO: Thank you. The next
3 presenter will be Mary Kaiser of the School
4 Leadership Team.

5 MS. MARY KAISER: Good evening. I just
6 wanted to say that I am aware of the expansion
7 and I'm in favor of the proposal.

8 MS. CONSTANTINO: We have now conducted the
9 formal presentations. We'll now open the floor
10 for public comments. Speakers will be given the
11 floor in the order that they signed up. All
12 comments are limited to two minutes. Since we
13 have no speakers that have signed up to make
14 public comments, we are not at the point where
15 we would adjourn.

16 MS. LOUISE ALFANO: Thank you everyone for
17 coming. Thank you Superintendent Constantino
18 and Laurie Windsor. Thank you CEC.

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