



Notice
May 2, 2013

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Chancellor

The Proposed Co-location of Boys Preparatory Charter School of the Bronx (84XTBD) with P.S. 107 (08X107) in Building X107, Beginning in 2014-2015

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

The New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) is proposing to co-locate a new public charter school, Boys Preparatory Charter School of the Bronx (84XTBD, “Boys Prep”), which will serve male students in kindergarten through fifth grades, in building X107 (“X107”), located at 1695 Seward Avenue, Bronx, NY 10473, in Community School District 8 (“District 8”), beginning in the 2014-2015 school year. Building X107 currently houses P.S. 107 (08X107, “P.S. 107”), an existing elementary school serving students in kindergarten through fifth grades and offering a pre-kindergarten program. If this proposal is approved, beginning in 2014-2015 Boys Prep will be co-located with P.S. 107 in building X107. Boys Prep will open with kindergarten and first grade and will add one grade each year until it serves students in kindergarten through fifth grades.

In May 2010, the State University of New York Trustees (“SUNY”) Charter Schools Institute authorized Boys Prep to serve kindergarten through fifth grades. However, the school took three planning years to better prepare for opening. Boys Prep will be managed by the Public Prep charter management organization (“CMO”). Public Prep currently operates two public charter schools in New York City.

If this proposal is approved, Boys Prep will begin serving 90-120 kindergarten and first-grade students in the 2014-2015 school year in building X107. Boys Prep will continue to phase in one grade at a time until it reaches full-scale, serving students in grades kindergarten through five in 2018-2019. Boys Prep will admit male students via its charter lottery application process, with preference given to District 8 residents. The charter lottery application process is explained further in the Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”). P.S. 107 is a zoned school and will remain as such.

The DOE has identified building X107 as an “under-utilized” building. According to the 2011-2012 Enrollment Capacity Utilization Report (“Blue Book”), building X107 has the capacity to serve 733 students. In 2012-2013, P.S. 107 is serving 489 students in kindergarten through fifth grades and 18 students in pre-kindergarten. This yields a utilization rate of approximately 67%, which indicates that the building is under-utilized and has space to accommodate additional students. If this proposal is approved, in 2018-2019, once Boys Prep has fully phased in, Boys Prep is projected to serve 270-360 students in kindergarten through fifth grades, and P.S. 107 is expected to serve 408-468 students, for a total of 678-828 students, yielding a building utilization

rate of approximately 92%-113%.

As discussed in EIS and in the Building Utilization Plan (“BUP”), the building has sufficient space to provide both schools with space appropriate for their respective needs, despite the possibility of a utilization rate over 100%. Although a utilization rate in excess of 100% may suggest that a building will be over-utilized or over-crowded in a given year, this rate does not account for the fact that rooms may be programmed for more efficient or different uses than the standard assumptions in the utilization calculation. In addition, charter school enrollment plans are frequently based on larger class sizes than target capacity, contributing to building utilizations above 100% while not impacting the utilization of the space allocated to the traditional public school. Therefore, the X107 building has the capacity to accommodate all the existing schools at full scale.

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

The EIS and BUP can be found on the Department of Education’s website:
<http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2012-2013/June2013Proposals.htm>.

Copies of the EIS and BUP are also available in the main office of P.S. 107.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D08Proposals@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.

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

June 11, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.
Building X107
1695 Seward Avenue
Bronx, NY 10473

Questions about the proposal should be directed as indicated in section IV above.
Speaker sign-up will begin 30 minutes before the hearing and will close 15 minutes after its start.

Please reserve the scheduled date, time, and location in your calendars. Should the hearing scheduled for June 11, 2013 require rescheduling to accommodate the needs of the impacted School Leadership Team or Community Education Council, the DOE will post notice here: <http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2012-2013/June2013Proposals.htm>.

VI. Date, time and place of the Panel for Educational Policy meeting at which the Panel will vote on the proposed item.

June 19, 2013 at 6:00pm
The Michael J. Petrides School
715 Ocean Terrace
Staten Island, NY 10301