Notice

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Chancellor

The Proposed Grade Truncation of P.S. 84 Steinway (30Q084) from a K-8 School to a K-5 School 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 implement a grade truncation of the middle school grades of P.S. 84 Steinway (30Q084, "P.S. 84"). P.S. 84 currently serves students in kindergarten through eighth grade and offers a pre-kindergarten program in building Q084 located at 22-45 41st Street, Queens, NY 11105, in Community School District 30 ("District 30"). P.S. 84 is currently the only school located in building Q084.

If this proposal is approved, P.S. 84 will no longer enroll sixth-grade students after the conclusion of the 2013-2014 school year, will no longer serve seventh-grade students following the 2014-2015 school year, and will no longer serve eighth-grade students following the 2015-2016 school year. In 2016-2017 and beyond, P.S. 84 will continue serving students in kindergarten through fifth grade and will continue to offer a pre-kindergarten program (subject to funding and demand). Current students in grades six through eight will be served and supported by the DOE as they progress towards the completion of middle school while remaining enrolled at P.S. 84. Current and future P.S. 84 eighth-grade students will be supported through the Citywide High School Admissions Process as they apply to a high school. In cases where students do not meet promotional requirements and must repeat a grade no longer offered by P.S. 84, they will be served in an alternate District 30 middle school.

P.S. 84 is a zoned elementary school that currently admits kindergarten through fifth-grade students in its zone. It also serves sixth- through eighth-grade students, and gives priority for admission to continuing fifth-grade students. A student's zoned school is determined by his or her home address. If this proposal is approved and P.S. 84 no longer serves middle school grades, P.S. 84 will continue to admit kindergarten through fifth-grade students in its zone. All P.S. 84 fifth-grade students will enroll in their zoned middle school in 2014-2015 as sixth-grade students or apply to one of the district, borough-wide, or Citywide middle school options. Additional information about the

Middle School Admissions Process and P.S. 84 admissions is provided in Section III.A of this proposal.

Currently, fifth grade students attending P.S. 84 who are zoned to I.S. 141 The Steinway (30Q141, "I.S. 141") for middle school are given priority to I.S. 141 for sixth grade. Similarly, students attending P.S. 84 who are zoned to other District 30 middle schools are given priority to their respective zoned middle school. P.S. 84 students may also apply to other middle schools within District 30, or they may apply to the borough or Citywide options that are available to District 30 students through the choice process. This will all continue to be true if this proposal is approved.

The New York City Department of Education ("DOE") strives to ensure that all students in New York City have access to high-quality schools at every stage of their education. The proposed grade truncation, which was developed in collaboration with the school leadership, offers benefits to the students currently in elementary school grades at P.S. 84. As discussed in Section III below, the proposal addresses some disadvantages that students may be experiencing while they remain at P.S. 84 for middle school. For example, middle school enrollment is much reduced due to the number of students who currently exercise the option to enter other middle schools in sixth grade. Also, as discussed in Section III below, by enrolling in middle schools with a greater breadth of academic offerings, students at P.S. 84 will have more opportunities to take advantage of the enriching, high-school preparatory experiences offered at middle schools.

Finally, as discussed in Section II below, changing P.S. 84's grade span from K-8 to K-5 would reduce the school's enrollment by approximately 55-85 seats, providing additional space that P.S. 84 could use to accommodate additional lower-grade students or to meet other instructional and programming needs.

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

The Educational Impact Statement ("EIS") can be found on the Department of Education's Web site: http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2012-2013/June2013Proposals.htm.Copies of the EIS are also available in P.S. 84's main office.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D30Proposals@schools.nyc.gov.

Oral comments can be left at 212-374-7621.

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 4, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

P.S. 84 Steinway

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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 the start.

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 6:00 pm

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