Notice
May 3, 2013

Dennis M. Walcott
Chancellor

The Proposed Opening and Co-location of a New District Middle School (02M177) with Existing School P.S. 158 Bayard Taylor (02M158) in Building M158 Beginning in the 2014-2015 School Year

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 district middle school (02M177, "New Middle School") in building M158 ("M158") located at 1458 York Avenue, Manhattan, NY 10075, in Community School District 2 ("District 2"). If this proposal is approved, New Middle School will be co-located in building M158 with P.S. 158 Bayard Taylor (02M158, "P.S. 158"), an existing zoned elementary school that currently serves kindergarten through fifth-grade students. P.S. 158 also offers two sections of a full-day pre-kindergarten program.

P.S. 158 is the only school organization currently in building M158.

If this proposal is approved, New Middle School will open in M158 in September 2014 and will admit students through the District 2 Middle School Choice Process where 50% of the seats will be filled through a screened admissions method and 50% of the seats will be filled through a limited unscreened admissions method. New Middle School will begin enrolling sixth-grade students in 2014-2015 and will add one grade per year until it has reached full scale and serves students in grades six through eight in 2016-2017.

According to the 2011-2012 Enrollment, Capacity, Utilization Report ("Blue Book"), M158 has a target capacity to serve 957 students. In 2012-2013 the building is serving only 775 students, yielding a building utilization rate of 81%.

In 2016-2017, once New Middle School has reached full scale, it is projected that there will be approximately 1,081-1,171 students served in M158, thereby yielding an estimated building utilization rate of approximately 113%-122%.

The DOE, in collaboration with community members, supports the co-location of New Middle School in M158. This proposal is intended to increase the number of middle school options in District 2.

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. 158's main office.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D02Proposals@schools.nyc.gov.

Oral comments can be left at 212-374-3466.

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: Jennifer Peng
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Address: 52 Chambers Street, New York, NY 10007
Email: D02Proposals@schools.nyc.gov
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V. Date, time and place of joint public hearing for this proposal.

June 4, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.
M158 School Building
1458 York Avenue
Manhattan, NY 10075

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.

VII. 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

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715 Ocean Terrace
Staten Island, NY 10301