

Notice
October 8, 2014

The Proposed Re-siting of The Peck Slip School (02M343) from Building M860 to New Building M343 in the 2015-2016 School Year

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

Under this proposal, The Peck Slip School will move from its current, temporary location in Tweed Courthouse to a new, larger building being constructed nearby, to be known as building M343. This proposed re-siting will provide The Peck Slip School with a long-term home and will allow The Peck Slip School to grow its enrollment, increasing the number of elementary school seats available in this historically overcrowded area of Community School District 2. The move to M343 will also provide Peck Slip access to spaces specifically designed to support elementary school instruction, which are not available in their current facility, such as a library, a combined gymnasium and auditorium, and cafeteria that can accommodate Peck Slip's current and future enrollment.

The New York City Department of Education ("DOE") is proposing to re-site The Peck Slip School (02M343, "Peck Slip") to new building M343 ("M343") beginning in the 2015-2016 school year. A "re-siting" means students will attend classes in a different building than the one in which they attended classes in the previous year. The School Construction Authority ("SCA") is currently constructing M343 and is planning the building for occupancy in September 2015. M343 will be located at 1 Peck Slip, New York, NY 10038 in Community School District 2 ("District 2"). Peck Slip is currently housed in building M860, more commonly known as Tweed Courthouse ("Tweed"), located at 52 Chambers Street, Manhattan, New York 10007, also in District 2. If this proposal is approved, beginning in the 2015-2016 school year, Peck Slip students will no longer attend classes in Tweed. Instead, they will attend classes in M343.

Peck Slip currently serves 164 students in kindergarten through second grades. On December 14, 2011, the District 2 Community Education Council ("CEC 2") approved a proposal to create a zone for Peck Slip beginning in the 2012-2013 school year, which was drawn around the M343 building, with the plan being for that building to serve as Peck Slip's permanent home. Peck Slip is a District 2 zoned elementary school that gives priority to students in its zone.

The DOE incubated Peck Slip in Tweed beginning in the 2012-2013 school year, in anticipation of its eventual move to M343 upon M343's completion. An "incubation" occurs when a new school opens and serves students at a temporary site in advance of moving to its permanent site. Such temporary siting allows a school to begin operating before its long-term site is available for student occupancy. If this proposal is approved, Peck Slip will be re-sited to M343 and will operate in M343 beginning in the 2015-2016 school year.

As mentioned above, this proposed re-siting to M343 is expected to have a positive impact on Peck Slip by providing a new facility that has more space than its current facility and has specific

spaces designed to support elementary school instruction. Unlike Peck Slip’s current space in Tweed, the M343 building will have specialized instructional spaces, dedicated library spaces, and a combined gymnasium and auditorium, among other spaces. Moreover, M343 can accommodate Peck Slip as it continues growing beyond serving kindergarten to second grades to become a full-fledged elementary school.

If this proposal is approved, Peck Slip will move to M343 prior to the beginning of the 2015-2016 school year, when it will serve approximately 306-346 students in kindergarten through third grades and two sections of full-day pre-kindergarten. Peck Slip will gradually phase into the M343 building by adding one grade per year. The school is expected to reach its full scale grade span in 2017-2018, when it will serve students in kindergarten through fifth grades, as well as offer pre-kindergarten. Peck Slip additionally plans to serve more students per grades in the coming years: the school is expected to reach its full scale enrollment in 2020-2021, when it will serve approximately 756-816 students in kindergarten through fifth grades. If approved, this proposed re-siting could require students in kindergarten and second grade enrolled at Peck Slip in the 2014-2015 school year to travel a greater distance from home to attend school in a different school building in the 2015-2016 school year, as Tweed and M343 are located 0.6 miles apart. However, the DOE believes that the re-siting will not create significant travel hardships, since both buildings are located close to central public transportation hubs and the Peck Slip community has been aware of this planned re-siting since the school first opened.

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

The Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) describing this proposal can be found on the Department of Education’s Web site:
<http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2014-2015/November2014SchoolProposals>

Copies of the EIS are also available in the main office of Peck Slip.

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.

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

November 10, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.
Tweed Courthouse
52 Chambers Street
Manhattan, NY 10007

Questions about the proposal should be directed as indicated in section IV above.

Speaker sign-up will begin 30 minutes before the start of the hearing and will close 15 minutes after its start.

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

November 25, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.
The High School of Fashion Industries
225 West 24th Street
New York, NY 10011