



Notice
October 8, 2014

**Department of
Education**

Carmen Fariña, Chancellor

The Proposed Re-siting of Beacon High School (03M479) to New Building M912 and Co-location with P.S. 35 (75M035) Beginning in the 2015-2016 School Year

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

Under this proposal, Beacon High School (03M479, “Beacon”) will move from its current building, M837 (“M837”), to a new, larger building under construction, to be known as building M912 (“M912”), where Beacon will be co-located with a new site of an existing District 75 school, P.S. 35 (75M035), to be known as P035M@M912. The Beacon re-siting and co-location with P035M@M912 will provide these two schools with greater capacity and access to spaces specifically designed to support high school and District 75 instruction, such as classrooms designed for District 75 students, a full gymnasium, an auditorium with a stage, and a cafeteria that can accommodate both schools’ current and future enrollments. The co-location of Beacon and P035M@M912 in M912 will provide ample opportunities for the two schools to collaborate on how to best serve the students in M912.

The New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) is proposing to re-site Beacon to new building M912 and to co-locate Beacon with P.S. 35, a new site of an existing District 75 school, P035M@M912 in building M912, beginning in the 2015-2016 school year. M912 is located at 521 West 43rd Street, New York, NY, 10036, within the geographical confines of Community School District 2 (“District 2”). Beacon is an existing district high school that currently serves students in grades nine through twelve in building M837, located at 227-243 West 61st Street, New York, NY 10023, within the geographical confines of Community School District 3 (“District 3”). A “re-siting” means that students will attend classes in a building different from the building in which they currently attend classes. A “co-location” means that two or more school organizations are located in the same building and may share common spaces such as the auditorium, gymnasium, library and cafeteria.

If this proposal is approved, Beacon will be re-sited to new building M912 beginning in the 2015-2016 school year where it will serve students in grades nine through twelve and will be co-located with P035M@M912. Beacon will no longer serve students in M837 after the conclusion of the 2014-2015 school year, and will serve all its students in M912 beginning in the 2015-2016 school year and beyond.

Building M912 is a new building currently under construction by the School Construction Authority (“SCA”). Construction is anticipated to be completed by September 2015. Beacon’s

re-siting to M912 and its co-location with P035M@M912 are contingent upon the completion of this new building.

If approved, this proposed re-siting could require ninth through eleventh grade students enrolled at Beacon 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 and beyond, as M837 and M912 are located approximately 1 mile 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 Beacon is open to students Citywide. The Beacon community has had notice of plans to re-site the school since the DOE began construction on M912 in July 2012.

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/2014-2015/November2014SchoolProposals>.

Copies of the EIS are also available in the main offices of Beacon High School and P.S. 35’s existing sites.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D03Proposals@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: Drew Patterson
Office: Division of Operations
Address: 52 Chambers Street, New York, NY 10007
Email: D03Proposals@schools.nyc.gov
Phone: 212-374-3466

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

November 17, 2014
6:00 p.m.
Building M837
Beacon High School
227 West 61st street
New York, NY 10023

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 for Educational Policy will vote on the proposed item.

November 25, 2014

6:00 p.m.

Building M600

The High School of Fashion Industries

225 West 24th Street

New York, NY 10011