



Notice
December 20, 2010

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Chancellor

**The Proposed Co-location of a New School, P.S. 401 (23K401),
and the Re-siting and Co-location of
Leadership Preparatory Ocean Hill Charter School (84K775)
with P.S. 332 (23K332) in Building K332**

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

The New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) is proposing to site a new zoned elementary school, P.S. 401 (23K401, “P.S. 401”), and to re-site Leadership Preparatory Ocean Hill Charter School (84K775, “Ocean Hill”) at 51 Christopher Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11212, in Community School District 23, in Building K332 (“K332”). If this proposal is approved, P.S. 401 and Ocean Hill would be co-located with an existing DOE zoned school that serves grades Kindergarten through eight, P.S. 332 Charles H. Houston (23K332, “P.S. 332”), and an Alternative Learning Center (K992, “ALC”), as P.S. 332 phases out. A “co-location” means that two or more school organizations are located in the same building and may share common spaces like auditoriums, gymnasiums, and cafeterias.

If this proposal is approved, P.S. 401 would open in K332 as a zoned elementary school that serves Kindergarten through second grade in the 2011-2012 school year. In 2014-2015, when P.S. 401 is fully phased into K332, it would serve students in Kindergarten through fifth grade. In 2011-2012, Ocean Hill’s current Kindergarten and first grades would also be re-sited to K332. Beginning in the 2011-2012 school year, Ocean Hill would also expand to serve students in the second grade in K332, and the school would continue to add one new grade of students annually. In 2017-2018, the final year of the phase-in, Ocean Hill would serve students in Kindergarten through eighth grade.

In a separate Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) that was published on December 20, 2010, the DOE proposed to gradually phase out and eventually close P.S. 332 because of its low performance. If the proposal to phase out P.S. 332 is approved, P.S. 332 would no longer admit Kindergarten students or offer grades one, two, and six after the conclusion of the 2010-2011 school year. It would also not offer a Pre-Kindergarten program after the conclusion of the 2010-2011 school year. The school would complete its phase-out in June 2013.

Current Kindergarten and first grade students at P.S. 332 would be guaranteed a seat in grades one and two at the new zoned elementary school, P.S. 401. Current students in grades two, three, and four would continue to be served by P.S. 332 as they progress toward completion of elementary school. Students in fifth grade would participate in the District 23 Middle School Choice Process consistent with current practice. Fifth-grade students will also be guaranteed a sixth-grade seat at Mott Hall Bridges Middle School (23K671). Current students in grades six, seven, and eight would continue to be served by P.S. 332 as they progress toward completion of middle school at P.S. 332. Current eighth-grade students would participate in the Citywide High School Admissions Process consistent with current practice.

By 2012-2013, the ALC at K332 will be re-sited to an alternate location within District 23 or where there is a district need for an additional ALC. Once Ocean Hill and P.S. 401 have completed their respective expansions and P.S. 332 has completed its phase-out, there would be approximately 1,000-1,050 students served in K332 by Ocean Hill and P.S. 401 combined. In 2009-2010, K332 had a target capacity to serve 964 students, and the building enrolled 479 K-8 students and a Pre-Kindergarten class of 18 students, yielding a target building utilization of 52%. In 2010-2011, there were 419 K-8 students enrolled at P.S. 332.

P.S. 401 would replace the elementary seats — Kindergarten through fifth grade — that would be lost due to P.S. 332's phase-out and eventual closure. The middle school seats — sixth through eighth grade — that would be lost due to P.S. 332's phase-out and eventual closure would be absorbed by the existing capacity at Mott Hall Bridges Middle School, where all P.S. 332 students are guaranteed a seat, and in other District 23 middle schools.

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

The Educational Impact Statement can be found on the Department of Education's Web site: <http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2010-2011/Feb32011Proposals>
Copies of the EIS are also available in the main offices of P.S. 332 and Ocean Hill.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D23Proposals@schools.nyc.gov.
Oral comments can be left at 212-374-0208.

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.

January 27, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. P.S. 332 Charles H. Houston Elementary 51 Christopher Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11212	January 25, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. Leadership Prep Ocean Hill Charter School 1137 Herkimer Street Brooklyn, NY 11233
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Questions about the proposal can 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. To request interpretation services, please contact Ms. Falstrom at the e-mail address or telephone number above.

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

February 3, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.
Brooklyn Technical High School
29 Fort Greene Place
Brooklyn, NY 11217