



**Department of
Education**

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Amended Notice
December 15, 2015

Amended:

**The Proposed Opening and Co-location of Success Academy
Charter School – NYC 7 (84KTBD) with Existing Schools
P.S. 25 Eubie Blake (16K025) and Upper School @ P.S. 25
(16K534) in Building K025 Beginning in the 2016-2017
School Year**

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

On December 3, 2015, the New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) issued an Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) describing a proposal to open and co-locate Success Academy Charter School – NYC 7 (84KTBD, “SA – NYC 7) in building K025 (“K025”), located at 787 Lafayette Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11221, in Community School District 16 (“District 16”) beginning in the 2016-2017 school year. A “co-location” means that two or more school organizations are located in the same building and may share common spaces like auditoriums, gymnasiums, libraries, and cafeterias. If this proposal is approved, SA – NYC 7 will be co-located in K025 with P.S. 25 Eubie Blake (16K025, “P.S. 25”), an existing district elementary school that serves students in kindergarten through fifth grades and offers a full-day pre-kindergarten (“Pre-K”) program, and Upper School @ P.S. 25 (16K534, “Upper School”), a district middle school which serves students in grades six through eight. K025 also houses the following community-based organizations (“CBOs”): Partnership with Children, School’s Out New York City (“SONYC”), and Urban Dove.

This EIS has been amended to correct and provide complete information about all of the sports and partnerships offered by P.S. 25. In the original EIS, the list was not inclusive of all sports and programs offered at the school and included sports and programs no longer offered. This amended EIS does not change the purpose of the proposal and has no impact on the Building Utilization Plan (“BUP”) that accompanied this proposal upon its release on December 3, 2015.

If this proposal is approved, SA - NYC 7 will open in K025 in the 2016-2017 school year, serving approximately 150-170 students in kindergarten and first grade, and will add one grade level each year until it reaches full scale, serving approximately 400-450 students in kindergarten through fourth grades in the 2019-2020 school year.

Pursuant to recent amendments to the Education Law which provide certain new and expanding charter schools with access to facilities, SA – NYC 7 made a co-location request to the DOE for space to open a new elementary school option.

Public engagement was conducted by the DOE in the course of creating this proposal which included:

- Presenting at the Community Education Council 16 (“CEC 16”) meeting on November 17, 2015 on potential proposals in District 16 for this upcoming year, at which this proposal scenario and the Education Law were discussed, and at which DOE officials were on hand to answer questions about the charter school siting process, this proposal scenario, and the Education Law.
- A walkthrough of building K025 with a Deputy Chancellor from the DOE on November 25, 2015. On that day, the Deputy Chancellor and other DOE leadership members met with the principals and School Leadership Team (“SLT”) members of P.S. 25 and Upper School and representatives from CEC 16 to further discuss the proposal, listen to questions and concerns from the school community, and determine whether significant logistical or other concerns would prevent the implementation of this proposal if approved by the Panel for Educational Policy (“PEP”).

The DOE will provide additional public engagement opportunities following this posting, including:

- An optional community meeting open to the public prior to the joint public hearing for this proposal, where representatives from the DOE will meet with the school communities (upon their request) to discuss the proposal and take questions, comments, and feedback.
- A joint public hearing to be held at building K025. This meeting is open to the public and attendees are encouraged to provide comment on this proposal as part of the public comment portion of the hearing.
- Dedicated phone and email lines to accept public comment at any time following the posting of this proposal. Comments can be submitted in any language by calling 212-374-0208 or emailed in any language to D16Proposals@schools.nyc.gov.
- A PEP meeting at which PEP members are anticipated to vote on several proposals, including this one, prior to implementation of the proposal. This meeting is also open to the public and attendees are welcomed to provide comment on this proposal. All comments received before 6:00 p.m. on the day before the PEP meeting, at the above-noted hearing or through phone or email lines, will be addressed by the DOE in an analysis of public comment which is made available to the public after 6:00 p.m. on the day before the PEP meeting.

Dates of the upcoming joint public hearing and PEP meeting can be found on the DOE Website at: <http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2015-2016/SchoolProposalsJanuary202016PEP>.

SACS is a charter management organization (“CMO”) that currently operates elementary, middle and high schools in New York City. If this proposal is approved, SA – NYC 7 would open in building K025 in the 2016-2017 school year and would serve students in kindergarten through fourth grades at scale in the 2019-2020 school year. SA – NYC 7’s charter was authorized in the 2014-2015 school year by The State University of New York Trustees (“SUNY”).

SACS has informed the DOE of its intention to apply to serve pre-kindergarten at SA - NYC 7 beginning in the 2016-2017 school year; however, the DOE has not yet released a Request for Proposals for charter schools interested in partnering with the DOE to offer pre-kindergarten for the 2016-2017 school year.

According to the 2014-2015 Enrollment, Capacity, Utilization Report (“Blue Book”), K025 has a target capacity to serve 895 students. Currently, the building serves approximately 234 students, yielding a utilization rate of 26%.

If this proposal is approved by the PEP, in 2019-2020, when SA - NYC 7 is at scale serving students in kindergarten through fourth grades at K025, there will be approximately 588-728 total students served in the building, yielding a projected utilization rate of approximately 66%-81%, which demonstrates that there is sufficient space to co-locate SA - NYC 7 in the building with the existing school organizations.

The BUP that accompanies this proposal also demonstrates that there is sufficient space in the building to accommodate this co-location. Thus, the DOE believes that K025 can serve all students that attend SA - NYC 7, P.S. 25, and the Upper School.

The New York State Education Department (“SED”) assigns an accountability status to each district school—Good Standing, Local Assistance Plan, Focus, or Priority. The Upper School is a Focus school. If this proposal is approved, the Upper School’s status as a Focus school will not be impacted. The Upper School is also one of a cohort of 94 schools that have been designated by the DOE as Renewal Schools. Schools selected to be Renewal Schools were assigned the state accountability status of Priority or Focus Schools by SED, demonstrated low academic achievement (in 2012, 2013, and 2014), and scored “Proficient” or below on their most recent Quality Review at the time of selection. (Four schools were selected to be Renewal Schools per the Chancellor’s discretion.) As a Renewal School, The Upper School is currently being transformed into a Community School. Community Schools are intended to be neighborhood hubs where students receive high-quality academic instruction, families can access social services, and communities congregate to share resources and address their common challenges. If approved, this proposal is not expected impact the Upper School’s status as a Renewal and Community School.

P.S. 25 is not a Focus school, nor a Renewal School, nor a Community School.

In addition to this proposal, the DOE is exploring the possibility of re-siting the Upper School and consolidating it with the middle school grades of P.S. 308 Clara Cardwell in building K308, in District 16. If the DOE pursues that consolidation, it would be subject to a separate proposal requiring PEP approval, and the BUP for this proposal would also be revised accordingly. This proposal to co-locate Success in the K025 building is not contingent on any future proposals involving the Upper School.

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

The Amended Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) and Building Utilization Plan (“BUP”) can be found on the DOE’s Web site: <http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2015-2016/SchoolProposalsJanuary202016PEP>.

Copies of the Amended EIS and BUP are also available in the main offices of P.S. 25 and Upper School.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D16Proposals@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.

Name: Greg Whitten
Office: Office of District Planning
Address: 52 Chambers Street, New York, NY 10007
Email: D16Proposals@schools.nyc.gov
Phone: 212-374-0208

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

January 4, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.
Building K025
787 Lafayette Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11221

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.

January 20, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.
Taft Educational Complex
240 East 172nd Street
Bronx, NY 10457