



Notice
March 2, 2011

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Chancellor

The Proposed Expansion of Community Roots Charter School (84K536) with Existing Schools P.S. 067 Charles A. Dorsey (13K067) and District 75 School (75K369) in Building K067

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

The New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) is proposing to allow Community Roots Charter School (84K536, “Community Roots”) to expand to serve additional grades in Building K067 (“K067”), located at 51 St. Edwards Street, Brooklyn, NY 10035 in Community School District 13. Community Roots is an existing public charter school that currently serves 300 students in kindergarten through fifth grades in K067. Community Roots is currently co-located in K067 with P.S. 067 Charles A. Dorsey (13K067, P.S. 067), an existing DOE zoned elementary school serving grades kindergarten through fifth grade and offering a pre-kindergarten program, and a District 75 school (75K369, “P369K@P067K”) that serves students in kindergarten through fifth grade. 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. This is a proposal to gradually expand Community Roots and thereby allow it to serve kindergarten through eighth grades in K067.

P.S. 067 is an existing DOE District 13 zoned elementary school that currently serves 234 students in kindergarten through fifth grade, and offers one section of a full-day pre-kindergarten with an enrollment of 18 students, for a total combined enrollment of 252 students.

P369K@P067K is a District 75 school that currently provides mandated services for Emotionally Disturbed (“ED”) and Autistic students, with a total enrollment of 140 students.

Community Roots is an existing public charter school that currently serves 300 students in kindergarten through fifth grade at K067. The school’s charter authorizer, the DOE, recently approved Community Roots’ proposal to expand to serve middle school grade levels beginning in September 2011. If the proposal to site Community Roots’ middle school grades in K067 is approved, Community Roots will expand by one grade each year in K067, until it serves kindergarten through eighth grade at full scale. In 2006-2007, before Chancellor’s Regulation A-190 stipulated the process that must be followed when there is a significant change in building utilization, the DOE allowed Community Roots to be sited and co-located in K067 to serve grades K-5. This is a proposal to permanently expand the grades served by Community Roots in K067. If this proposal were approved, in 2011-12 Community Roots would expand serve kindergarten through sixth grade in the building. In the following years, Community Roots would expand by one grade each year until it reaches full scale and serves kindergarten through eighth grade in 2013-2014.

Community Roots currently enrolls kindergarten through fifth grade students through a lottery that gives preference to students residing in District 13. Specifics about the lottery preference criteria are detailed in Section III.C of the Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”).

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

The EIS can be found on the Department of Education’s Web site:

<http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2010-2011/Apr282011Proposals>

Copies of the EIS are also available in the main offices of Community Roots, P.S. 067, and 75K369.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D13Proposals@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: Benjamin Taylor
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Email: D13Proposals@schools.nyc.gov
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V. Date, time and place of joint public hearing for this proposal.

To Be Determined
Community Roots / P.S. 067 / P369K@P067K
51 Saint Edwards Street
Brooklyn, NY 10035

Notice will be provided once the hearing has been scheduled. 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. Interpretation services will be provided in Spanish. To request interpretation services in another language, please contact Mr. Taylor 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.

April 28, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.
Prospect Heights Campus
883 Classon Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11225