



Notice
March 2, 2011

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Chancellor

The Proposed Expansion of the Co-location of Harlem Success Academy 5 Charter School (84M482) with P.S. 123 Mahalia Jackson (05M123) in School Building M123

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

Harlem Success Academy 5 Charter School (84M482, “HSA 5”) is an existing public charter school located at 301 West 140th Street, New York, NY, 10030, in Community School District 5, in Building M123. It currently serves students in Kindergarten through first grade. HSA 5 is co-located with P.S. 123 Mahalia Jackson (05M123, “P.S. 123”), a zoned school which serves students in Kindergarten through eighth grade and offers a Pre-Kindergarten program. 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.

On April 20, 2010, the Panel for Educational Policy (“PEP”) approved the co-location of two grade levels of HSA 5 with P.S. 123 in M123. In the Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) describing that proposal, the Department of Education (“DOE”) stated that it would assess the available space in M123 to determine whether there is sufficient space for HSA 5 to continue to add additional grades in M123. After conducting such an assessment, the DOE has determined that there is sufficient space for HSA 5 to add an additional grade level in M123.

On December 16, 2011, the DOE published an EIS describing a proposal to expand the co-location of HSA 5 so that it will serve grades K-2 in M123. Because inclement weather prevented the DOE from holding a joint public hearing on this EIS, it was never presented to the PEP for a vote. The DOE is now issuing this new EIS, which describes the expansion of the co-location of HSA 5 so that it will serve grades K-2 in M123, and includes new information regarding a new special education program at HSA 5. Specifically, HSA 5 would add a self-contained special education class, which would serve second grade students enrolled at HSA 5 and Harlem Success Academy 2 (84M384), an existing public charter school located at 144-176 East 128th Street in Community School District 5.

This notice is also to advise you that a joint public hearing regarding this proposal will be held at HSA 5/ P.S. 123. Further notice will be provided once the hearing date is determined.

If this proposal is approved, HSA 5 would enroll approximately 60-70 additional students, and the total enrollment for the school would be 249. P.S. 123’s enrollment in grades Kindergarten through eight would be approximately 670-680 students. P.S. 123 also has a Pre-Kindergarten

program which enrolls 54 students. The combined total enrollment in the building would be approximately 973-983 students. In 2009-10, M123's target capacity was 1,044. Thus, M123 has the capacity for HSA 5 to expand and for P.S. 123 to continue to serve Kindergarten through eighth grade students and offer a Pre-Kindergarten program with total building utilization of approximately 93-94% of target capacity.

If the DOE seeks to further extend the co-location of HSA 5 with P.S. 123 in the M123 building or make it a permanent site for all or some of HSA 5's grades, any such proposal would be the subject of a subsequent EIS.

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/2010-2011/Apr282011Proposals.htm>

Copies of the EIS are also available in the main offices of HSA 5 and P.S. 123.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D05Proposals@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 hearing for this proposal.

To Be Determined

Harlem Success Academy 5 / P.S. 123 Mahalia Jackson
301 W. 140th Street
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Further notice will be provided once the hearing date is determined. 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. Interpretation services will be provided in Spanish. To request interpretation services in another language, please contact Ms. Cheong 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 Ave,
Brooklyn, NY, 11225