



Notice
March 3, 2011

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Chancellor

The Proposed Phase-out of Pacific High School (15K520)

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

The New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) is proposing to phase out and eventually close Pacific High School (15K520, “Pacific”), an existing transfer school, based on its poor performance and the DOE’s assessment that the school lacks the capacity to turn around quickly to better support student needs. Pacific is located in school building K520 (“K520”) located at 112 Schermerhorn Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201, within the geographical confines of Community School District 15 (“District 15”). Pacific currently enrolls students who are classified as tenth, eleventh and twelfth graders based on their credit accumulation. Pacific serves students who are 17 years of age and older and have already completed at least one year of high school with a minimum of 10 academic credits. It has a rolling admissions policy, accepting students throughout the year.

If this proposal is approved, Pacific would no longer admit new students after the end of the 2010-2011 school year. Pacific would complete phasing out in June 2012. In June 2011, students who have earned at least 44 academic credits and those that pass, at a minimum, five Regents exams would graduate from Pacific. In 2011-2012, students would be supported as they progress towards graduation while remaining enrolled at Pacific. Students who meet all of their graduation requirements by the closure date would have the opportunity to graduate from Pacific. Students who do not meet all of their graduation requirements by June 2012 would be encouraged to meet with their guidance counselor to discuss their options. In cases where students do not complete graduation requirements by the closure date, the DOE will help students and families identify alternative programs, such as a Young Adult Borough Center (“YABC”) or another transfer school or program that meets students’ needs so that they may continue their education after Pacific completes its phase-out.

In the 2009-2010 school year, building K520 had a target capacity to serve 252 students, and the building enrolled 214 students, yielding a target building utilization rate of 85%. In 2010-2011, building K520 has an enrollment of 200 students which yields a building utilization rate of 79% of target capacity. This means that the building is “under-utilized” and has extra space to accommodate additional students.

In a separate Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) posted on March 3, 2011, the DOE has also proposed to co-locate a new DOE school, Brooklyn Frontiers High School (15K423, “Brooklyn Frontiers”), in building K520 beginning in 2011-2012. If that proposal is approved by the Panel for Educational Policy (“PEP”), Brooklyn Frontiers would begin phasing into the building with a ninth-grade class during the 2011-2012 school year. In 2011-2012, when Brooklyn Frontiers and Pacific are co-located for a year, the building would serve approximately 160-231 students

(combining the student bodies of both schools), which would yield an approximate building utilization rate of 92% of target capacity. The proposed new school would gradually grow to scale, as Pacific phases out, and would complete its expansion during the 2014-2015 school year, at which point it would serve students in grades 9-12. As described in a separate EIS, Brooklyn Frontiers would enroll students ages 15-16 who have been retained or held back two or more years in elementary or middle school and who are entering the ninth grade for the first time.

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

The Educational Impact Statement describing this proposal 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 office of Pacific.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to HS.Proposals@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: Izaak Orlansky
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V. Date, time and place of joint public hearing for this proposal.

To Be Determined
Pacific High School
112 Schermerhorn Street
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Notification will be provided once the hearing date has been determined. 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 Mr. Orlansky 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
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