



Notice
March 4, 2011

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Chancellor

The Proposed Phase-out of P.S. 30 (28Q030)

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

P.S. 30 Queens (28Q030, “P.S. 30”) is an existing zoned elementary school located at 126-10 Bedell Street, Jamaica, NY, 11434, in Community School District 28, in Building Q030 (“Q030”). It currently serves students in kindergarten through fifth grade and offers a Pre-Kindergarten program. The New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) is proposing to phase-out and eventually close P.S. 30 based on its poor performance and the DOE’s assessment that the school lacks capacity to turn around quickly to better support student needs.

If approved, P.S. 30 would no longer admit Kindergarten students or offer grades one and two or its Pre-Kindergarten program after the conclusion of the 2010-2011 school year. Current students in grades two, three and four will continue to be served by P.S. 30 and will be supported as they progress toward completion of elementary school at P.S. 30 and apply to middle school via the District 28 Middle School Choice Process. Current students in grade five will be supported in using the District 28 Middle School Choice Process as anticipated. Current students in kindergarten and first grade will be supported in transitioning to a new zoned elementary school, P.S. 354 (27Q354, “P.S. 354”) proposed in a separate educational impact statement to be opened in building Q030 in September 2011. P.S. 30 will serve one grade less each subsequent year until it completes its phase out in June 2014. Students in grades K-2 would be served at P.S. 354, which would also offer a Pre-Kindergarten program, pending funding availability.

In 2009-2010, Q030 had a target capacity to serve 733 students, and the building enrolled 578 students in Pre-Kindergarten through fifth grade, yielding a target building utilization rate of 79%. The school currently enrolls 565 students in grades K-5 and offers 18 seats of a full-day Pre-Kindergarten program. This means that the building was “under-utilized” last year and has extra space to accommodate additional students.

As noted above, in a separate educational impact statement (“EIS”) also posted on March 4, 2011, the DOE is proposing the co-location of P.S. 354, a new zoned elementary school in Q030, which will serve grades K-5 when fully phased-in, as well as offer a Pre-Kindergarten program.

The DOE initially published an EIS describing the proposal to phase-out P.S. 30 on December 16, 2010, which EIS subsequently was amended on January 26 and 28, 2011. The joint public hearing on this proposal was scheduled to be held on January 27, 2011 at P.S. 30. However, because all New York City public schools were closed on January 27 due to inclement weather, the hearing did not take place. Despite the DOE’s attempts to re-schedule the hearing within the

time frame prescribed by applicable statutes and regulations, the P.S. 30 community was not able to come to an agreement on such a date. The January 28 EIS has now been withdrawn.

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

A copy of the EIS is also available in the main office at P.S. 30.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D28Proposals@schools.nyc.gov.

Oral comments can be left at 212-374-7621

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.

A notice was previously published advising that a hearing would be held on March 10, 2011. After consulting with the P.S. 30 School Leadership Team and Community Education Council 28, however, that hearing has been canceled.

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P.S. 30 Queens, 126-10 Bedell Street, Jamaica, NY 11434

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.

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