



**Amended Notice**  
March 14, 2011

**Cathleen P. Black**  
*Chancellor*

## **The Proposed Co-location of a New District 79 GED Plus Program (79Q950) with an Existing DOE School, Harlem Renaissance High School (05M285), in School Building M911**

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

The New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) is proposing to co-locate a new District 79 GED Plus Program (79Q950, “GED Plus”) in school building M911 (“M911”) located at 22 East 128<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY 10035, within the geographical confines of Community School District 5 (“District 5”). District 79 provides diverse and innovative educational opportunities that combine rigorous academic instruction with meaningful youth development. District 79 has developed programs and partnerships that strive to ensure secondary and post-secondary success for even the most struggling students. The proposed GED Plus program intends to offer full-time day classes for students who are 18-21 years old and who need extensive academic support to prepare for the GED examination. The GED Plus program would also offer a wide array of wraparound services, including career training, counseling and internships. The GED Plus program would have an on-going open enrollment, meaning that eligible students would be admitted on a first-come, first-served basis depending on seat availability throughout the school year.

### **This amended notice provides a date and time for the joint public hearing at Harlem Renaissance High School.**

If approved, the proposed GED Plus program would be co-located in building M911 with Harlem Renaissance High School (05M285, “Harlem Renaissance”), an existing transfer school. Transfer schools are small, academically rigorous high schools designed to re-engage students who have fallen behind in high school or are at risk of dropping out. Transfer schools enroll over-age, under-credited students and therefore do not adhere to strict grade distinctions. Students typically enroll at various stages in terms of credit accumulation or Regents pass rates as they progress to graduation. Harlem Renaissance currently serves approximately 216 students in grades nine through twelve. It has a rolling admissions policy, accepting students who are 16 years of age and older and who have attended high school for at least one year and have fewer than 8 academic credits.

Building M911 also provides space to three community-based organizations (“CBOs”): Hunter College Liberty Partnership Program, Street Corner Resources and New York City Mission Society. New York City Mission Society is the CBO partner for Harlem Renaissance under the Learning To Work (“LTW”) Initiative. Building M911 also offers free childcare and support services for student parents through the Living for the Young Family through Education

(“LYFE”) program. A “co-location” means that two or more school organizations are located in the same building and may share common spaces like auditoriums, libraries, gymnasiums, and cafeterias.

In the 2009-2010 school year, building M911 had a capacity to serve 280 students, and the building enrolled 221 students, yielding a target building utilization rate of 79%. In 2010-2011, building M911 has an enrollment of 216 students, which yields an estimated building utilization rate of 77% of target capacity. This means that the building is “under-utilized” and has extra space to accommodate additional students.

**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>

Copies of the EIS are also available in the Harlem Renaissance High School’s main office.

**III. Submission of public comment.**

Written comments can be sent to [D05Proposals@schools.nyc.gov](mailto: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.**

April 5, 2011 at 6:00 pm  
Harlem Renaissance High School  
22 East 128 Street,  
New York, NY 10035

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