



Second Amended Notice  
March 31, 2011

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## **The Proposed Re-siting and Temporary Co-Location of Coney Island Preparatory Public Charter School (84K744) with Existing Schools I.S. 303 Herbert S. Eisenberg (21K303), Rachel Carson High School for Coastal Studies (21K344), and a District 75 School (P771K@I303) in Building K303**

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

Coney Island Preparatory Public Charter School (84K744, “Coney Island Prep”) is an existing public charter school approved to serve students in fifth through eighth grade. Coney Island Prep currently enrolls 179 students in fifth and sixth grade in a leased building, located at 2315 Surf Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11224 in Community School District 21. On March 4, 2011, the New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) published an Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) proposing to re-site Coney Island Prep and temporarily co-locate Coney Island Prep in Building K303 (“K303”), located at 501 West Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11224 in Community School District 21, beginning in the 2011-2012 school year. In K303, Coney Island Prep would be temporarily co-located with an existing DOE zoned middle school that serves sixth to eighth grade students, I.S. 303 Herbert S. Eisenberg (21K303, “I.S. 303”), an existing DOE high school that currently serves ninth through twelfth grade students, Rachel Carson High School for Coastal Studies (21K344, “Rachel Carson HS”), and a District 75 inclusion school (75K771, “P771K@I303”) that serves sixth through eighth grade students. The DOE is proposing to re-site and temporarily co-locate Coney Island Prep in K303 for two years because Coney Island Prep cannot remain in its current location and continue to expand in 2011-2012.

On March 19, 2011, the DOE published an amended EIS and a revised Building Utilization Plan (“BUP”). The amended EIS corrected typographic errors that incorrectly identified Coney Island Prep’s current building as K302, clarified the reasons why Coney Island Prep may not remain in its current location for the 2011-2012 school year, and clarified the proposal’s potential impact on I.S. 303’s instructional programs, but it did not modify or revise the proposal itself.

In addition to amending the EIS, the DOE revised the BUP to reflect updated information about the shared spaces in K303. In the original BUP, the full-size science demonstration lab and the full-size science lab were not considered shared spaces, and thus, they were included mistakenly amongst the rooms that could be allocated to the co-located schools in the building. They were reclassified as shared spaces. Additionally, the original BUP listed specialty rooms, such as the music room, dance room, computer lab, and designed court room, as shared spaces. However, these rooms are not currently allocated as shared spaces; rather, these rooms are currently allocated to I.S. 303. In the revised BUP, these specialty rooms continue to be allocated to I.S. 303 and, therefore, are not treated as shared spaces. As a result, the total number of rooms to be

allocated to the schools co-locating in the building increased from 59 full-size classrooms to 61 full-size classrooms, and the shared space schedule was adjusted appropriately. As a result of these adjustments, the total number of rooms allocated to I.S. 303 increased. The total number of rooms allocated to Rachel Carson HS and Coney Island Prep did not change. The shared space schedule was also adjusted to reflect the use of the additional shared spaces.

The amended notice published with the amended EIS and revised BUP also provided a new location for the joint public hearing on this proposal that will be held on April 4, 2011. The location was changed because the DOE expects that attendance at the hearing will exceed the capacity of any possible venue in Building K303. Therefore, the hearing on April 4, 2011 will now be held at Abraham Lincoln High School, which is adjacent to Building K303.

This second amended notice provides a new location for the joint public hearing on this proposal that will be held on April 6, 2011. The location is being changed because the DOE expects attendance at the hearing will exceed the capacity of Coney Island Prep's auditorium, where this hearing was originally scheduled. Therefore, the joint public hearing on April 6, 2011 will now be held at Building K239, in Mark Twain I.S. 239's auditorium, which is ½ mile from the original hearing location.

Coney Island Prep was approved by its charter authorizer, the DOE, to open a public charter school in Community School District 21 in Brooklyn in 2009-2010. The DOE approved Coney Island Prep's proposal to open with fifth-grade classes in 2009-2010 and to add one grade each year until it serves up to 424 students in fifth through eighth grade. Coney Island Prep provides a preference to District 21 students in its charter school lottery application process.

If this proposal is approved, Coney Island Prep would be temporarily sited in K303 for two years. Coney Island Prep's current fifth and sixth grade would be re-sited to K303 for the 2011-2012 school year. In addition, in 2011-2012, the first year of the proposed co-location, Coney Island Prep would expand to serve seventh grade and would enroll approximately 90 students in seventh grade. Thus, in 2011-2012, Coney Island Prep would serve fifth through seventh grade students in K303. In 2012-2013, Coney Island Prep would expand to serve approximately 81 students in eighth grade, at which point Coney Island Prep would serve 350 fifth through eighth grade students.

K303 has been identified as an under-utilized building, meaning it currently has at least 300 seats available. In 2009-2010, the building served 1,216 students but had the capacity to serve 1,725 students, yielding a target building utilization of 70%. In 2010-2011, the combined enrollment of school organizations in the building was 1,202 students, which yields an estimated utilization rate of 70%. In 2012-2013, the last year of this proposed temporary co-location, when Coney Island Prep has expanded to serve eighth grade, K303 would serve approximately 1,451-1,537 students combined, which yields an estimated utilization rate of 89%. The DOE would issue a new EIS for the long-term siting of Coney Island Prep for the 2013-2014 school year and beyond.

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

The amended Educational Impact Statement and the revised Building Utilization Plan 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 amended EIS and revised BUP are also available in the main offices of I.S. 303, Rachel Carson HS, P771K@I303 and Coney Island Prep.

**III. Submission of public comment.**

Written comments can be sent to [D21Proposals@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:D21Proposals@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.**

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**V. Date, time and place of joint public hearings for this proposal.**

April 4, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.	April 6, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.
Abraham Lincoln High School	Mark Twain I.S. 239
2800 Ocean Parkway	2401 Neptune Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11235	Brooklyn, NY 11224

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