



**Public Comment Analysis**

Date: April 27, 2011

Topic: The Proposed Re-siting of P168X@Marion Avenue (75X168), a District 75 School, to Building X842

Date of Panel Vote: April 28, 2011

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**Summary of Proposal**

P168X is an existing District 75 (“D75”) school serving students in grades K-12 at six different sites in the Bronx. P168X@Marion Avenue (75X168, “P168X@Marion Avenue”) is one such site, and serves students in grades K-5 with an Individualized Education Plan (“IEP”) classification of autistic. P168X@Marion Avenue is located at 2543 Marion Avenue, Bronx, NY 10458, in Community School District 10, in Building X850 (“X850”).

On February 15, 2011, the New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) issued an Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) describing a proposal to re-site P168X@Marion Avenue to Building X842 (“X842”), located at 3990 Hillman Avenue, Bronx, NY 10463. Beginning in the 2011-2012 school year, all P168X@Marion Avenue students would be served in the X842 building, which is better suited to the school’s needs. The X850 building is approximately 2.5 miles from the X842 building. A “re-siting” means a school will be located in a different building than the building it is located in currently.

On March 8, 2011, the DOE issued an amended EIS, which corrected formatting and typographical errors, clarified that the DOE’s Office of Portfolio Development approved the re-location of Ampark from X842 to the X095 addition (not the New York City Council), and corrected the attendance rates, as well as the percentage of English Language Learners (“ELLs”) and students eligible for free or reduced price lunch who attend P168X, but which did not modify or revise the proposal itself.

P168X@Marion Avenue is currently the only organization in X850. In the 2010-2011 school year Ampark Neighborhood School (10X344, “Ampark”) is located in X842. However, prior to the start of the 2011-2012 school year, Ampark will move out of X842 and into the X095 addition. The X095 addition is a newly constructed facility attached to the X095 building, and will open prior to the 2011-2012 school year. The re-siting of Ampark to the X095 addition was approved by the DOE’s Office of Portfolio Development in 2008. When P168X@Marion Avenue is re-sited to X842, it will not share the building with any other school or organizations.

The principal of P168X@Marion Avenue supports the re-siting of the school to the new location. The principal believes the new site will improve overall morale and school culture for the entire school community. The new school building will allow the school to expand the use of assistive technology in all content areas, as well as provide students with the physical and health education instruction needed in the appropriate environment and with the appropriate equipment.

The details of this proposal are available in the amended EIS which can be accessed here: <http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2010-2011/Apr282011Proposals>. Copies of the amended EIS are also available in the main offices of each of P168X's sites.

### **Summary of Comments Received at the Joint Public Hearing**

A joint public hearing regarding this proposal was held at P168X@Marion Avenue on March 22, 2011. At the hearing, interested parties had an opportunity to provide input on the proposal. Approximately 20 members of the public attended the hearing and two people spoke. Present at the meeting were District 75 Superintendent Gary Hecht, P168X Principal Rosa Nieves-Greene, P168X Assistant Principal Ana Zambrano, and P168X Parent Association President and School Leadership Team representative Judith Lalane. CEC 10 was invited to the hearing and confirmed that at least one member would attend, but no members of CEC 10 actually attended the hearing.

The following comments and remarks were made at the joint public hearing:

1. Ms. Lalane spoke in favor of the proposal because it would allow P168X@Marion Avenue students to learn in a better school environment, more fitted for their needs, with space to play and space for occupational, physical speech therapy services. She also said the proposal would provide a better environment for the P168X@Marion Avenue staff, as well.
2. Principal Nieves-Greene said she supported the proposal because it would help P168X students, staff, and parents by providing a space more conducive to learning and improve overall morale.

### **Summary of Issues Raised in Written and/or Oral Comments Submitted to the DOE**

No written or oral comments were submitted to the DOE.

### **Analysis of Issues Raised, Significant Alternatives Proposed and Changes Made to the Proposal**

Comments 1 and 2 are both in favor of the proposal and do not require a response.

### **Changes Made to the Proposal**

No changes have been made to this proposal.