



Notice
May 10, 2012

The Proposed Re-Siting, Grade Expansion, and Co-location of P.S. 48 William C. Wilcox (31R048) with a District 75 Program (75RTBD) at New Building R071 Beginning in the 2013-2014 School Year

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

The New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) is proposing to re-site and expand P.S. 48 William C. Wilcox (31R048, “P.S. 48”), an existing zoned elementary school that currently serves 551 students in kindergarten through fifth grades. P.S. 48 is currently located in building R048 (“R048”) at 1055 Targee Street, Staten Island, NY 10304 in Community School District 31. If this proposal is approved, P.S. 48 will be re-sited to new building R071 (“R071”) located at 1050 Targee Street, Staten Island, NY 10304 also in Community School District 31. A “re-siting” means that a school will be located in a different building than the building it is currently located in.

This proposal also describes a planned grade expansion at P.S. 48, which will be submitted to the DOE’s Office of New Schools for approval. The proposal provides that in the 2013-2014 school year, P.S. 48 will enroll sixth grade students for the first time. The school will then add one grade each year until reaching full scale serving students in grades kindergarten through eight in the 2015-2016 school year. The expansion at P.S. 48 provides the opportunity for its elementary students to have a seamless transition into middle school. The re-siting into a new building provides students a facility that includes a gymnasium, an auditorium, a gymnasium, a music suite (including a music instrument storeroom), a science room, and a science lab/demo room. Finally, since the R048 building is over-utilized and the current building is not sufficient to meet the growing elementary school demand, this re-siting will help relieve over-crowding in the community.

Building R071 is a new site currently under construction by the School Construction Authority (“SCA”). The re-siting and grade expansion of P.S. 48 is contingent upon the completion of this new building. The new building also includes designed space for a District 75 (“D75”) school. As such, if this proposal is approved, P.S. 48 will be co-located with a yet-to-be determined D75 school (“75RTBD”). A “co-location” means that two or more school organizations are located in the same building, often sharing large common spaces like the auditorium, gymnasium, and cafeteria. Because it is a newly

constructed facility, no school organization currently uses space at R071. The building is projected to have the capacity to serve 844 students. If this proposal is approved, P.S. 48 students will be re-sited to R071 for the 2013-2014 school year with the sixth grade founding cohort and a District 75 school. During the 2013-2014 school year, these organizations will serve approximately 702-782 students, yielding a projected building utilization rate of 83-93%. In the 2015-2016 school year, when P.S. 48 has reached full-scale serving students in grades kindergarten through eight, there will be a total of approximately 830-920 students. The District 75 school is projected to serve approximately 62-72 students in the 2015-2016 school year, yielding a projected building utilization rate for both organizations of 106-118%.

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/2011-2012/June2012Proposals>.

Copies of the EIS are also available in P.S. 48’s main office.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D31Proposals@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 hearing for this proposal.

June 20, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.
P.S. 48
1055 Targee Street
Staten Island, NY 10304

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.

June 26, 2012 at 6:00 P.M.
Prospect Heights Campus
883 Classon Ave
Brooklyn, NY 11225