



Notice
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Chancellor

The Proposed Grade Reconfiguration of Success Academy Charter School – Harlem 3 (84M385) to Serve Grades 5-8 in Building M101 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 reconfigure Success Academy Charter School – Harlem 3’s (84M385, “HSA 3”) grade span in building M101 to serve students in fifth through eighth grades. HSA 3 is an existing public charter school currently serving students in kindergarten through fourth grades in building M101 (“M101”), located at 141 East 111th Street, New York, NY 10029 in Manhattan’s Community School District 4. In a separate educational impact statement (“EIS”) first posted on March 5, 2012, amended on March 7, 2012, and revised on March 16, 2012, the DOE described a proposal to re-site HSA 3’s elementary grades from M101 to building M099 (“M099”) located at 410 East 100th Street, New York, NY 10029 in Manhattan’s Community School District 4. That proposal was approved by the Panel for Educational Policy (“PEP”) on April 26, 2012. If this proposal is also approved, HSA 3 would serve kindergarten through fourth grade students in M099 and fifth through eighth grade students in M101.

HSA 3 is co-located with two other schools in M101: Mosaic Preparatory Academy (04M375, “Mosaic”), a zoned elementary school that serves students in kindergarten through fifth grades and offers a pre-kindergarten program; and P811M@P101M (75M811, “P811M”), one site of a multi-site District 75 school. A “co-location” means that two or more school organizations are located in the same building and may share common spaces like auditoriums, gymnasiums, and cafeterias.

Success Academy Charter Schools (“Success Academies”) is a charter management organization (“CMO”) that operates nine public charter schools in New York City. The State University of New York (“SUNY”) Charter Schools Institute has authorized HSA 3 to serve students in kindergarten through fifth grades. When the charter is up for renewal in 2013, HSA 3 intends to apply to expand its grade span to kindergarten through eighth grades. SUNY has the authority to approve or deny that request. Should SUNY deny HSA 3’s request to expand, the DOE would consider alternate options for the space in M101 and, if necessary, propose an alternative option in a new or revised EIS. If this proposal is approved, HSA 3 at M101 would serve 638-704 students in first through sixth grades in 2013-2014, 642-710 students in second through seventh grades in 2014-2015, 647-715 students in third through eighth grades in 2015-2016, 588-650 students in fourth through eighth grades in 2016-2017, and 544-600 students in fifth through eighth grades in 2017-2018 in M101.

Because of insufficient space in M101 to accommodate HSA 3’s fifth grade students in the 2012-2013 school year, the DOE identified a separate building in which HSA 3 could serve those

students. Success Academy Charter School – Harlem 2 (84M384, “HSA 2”), currently housed in Building M030 (“M030”), located at 144-176 East 128 Street, New York, NY 10035 in Community School District 5, faces similar space constraints in serving its fifth grade students in the 2012-2013 school year. In a separate EIS first posted on February 2, 2012 and amended on February 28, 2012, the DOE described a proposal to co-locate the fifth grades of HSA 2 and HSA 3 in Tandem Buildings M185 and M208 (“M185/208”), located respectively at 20 West 112th Street, New York, NY 10026 and 21 West 111th Street, New York, NY 10026, in Community School District 3, for the 2012-2013 school year only. This proposal was approved by the PEP on March 21, 2012.

If this proposal to reconfigure HSA 3’s grade span in M101 is approved, in 2013-2014, the school would enroll fifth grade students continuing from HSA 3 at M101 as well as the sixth grade students from HSA 3 and HSA 2, who will be served in M185/208 as fifth graders in the 2012-2013 school year. In addition, students enrolled at Success Academy Charter School – Harlem 1 (84M351, “HSA 1”), HSA 2, Success Academy Charter School – Harlem 4 (84M386, “HSA 4”), and Success Academy Charter School – Harlem 5 (84M482, “HSA 5”) would have the opportunity to enroll in HSA 3 at M101 for middle school. Students are admitted to HSA 3’s feeder schools via the charter lottery application process with preference given to residents of the district in which the school is located.

Mosaic is a zoned district school that serves students in kindergarten through fifth grades and offers a pre-kindergarten program. Students are currently admitted to Mosaic’s elementary grades and pre-kindergarten program according to Chancellor’s Regulation A-101. Admissions methods are detailed in Section III.A of the EIS. In the 2011-2012 school year, Mosaic served 289 students in kindergarten through fifth grades, and 36 students in two sections of full-day pre-kindergarten. Projected enrollment for 2012-2013 is 260-320 students in kindergarten through fifth grades and 36 students in two sections of full-day pre-kindergarten.

P811M@M149 serves elementary-age students with autism or who are emotionally disturbed. Students are placed in District 75 programs based on their individual needs and recommended special education services. In 2011-2012, P811M served 62 students in kindergarten through eighth grade.

According to the 2010-2011 Enrollment Capacity Utilization Report (the “Blue Book”), M101 has the capacity to serve 866 students. Currently, the building serves 1,001 students, yielding a building utilization rate of 116%. As previously stated, the PEP approved a proposal to re-site the elementary grades of HSA 3 from M101 to M099 beginning in the 2013-2014 school year. If this proposal is approved, the building would serve approximately 906-1,032 students and have a utilization rate of 105%-119% in 2017-2018 when HSA 3’s kindergarten through fourth grades are fully re-sited to M099 and its fifth through eighth grades are fully phased in at M101. It is important to note that ongoing and new construction in M101 will generate additional capacity by September 2012, thereby decreasing the projected utilization rates across the span of this proposal. As discussed in Section III.B of the EIS and in the Building Utilization Plan (“BUP”), the building has sufficient space to provide each school located in M101 with at least its baseline room allocation under the Citywide Instructional Footprint (“Footprint”). Therefore, M101 has the capacity to accommodate Mosaic, P811M, and the middle school grades of HSA 3.

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

The Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) and Building Utilization Plan (“BUP”) 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 and BUP are also available in the main offices of Mosaic, P811M@P101M, and HSA 3.

III. Submission of public comment

Written comments can be sent to D04Proposals@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 hearings for this proposal

June 18, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.
Building M101
141 East 111th Street
New York, NY 10029

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 Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11225