



Notice

October 12, 2017

The Proposed Re-siting and Co-location of the Middle School Grades of Achievement First Aspire Charter School (84K680) and the Proposed Opening and Temporary Co-location of Grade Five of Achievement First Linden Charter School (84K788) with P.S. 306 (19K306) in Building K306 Beginning in the 2018-2019 School Year

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

A. Summary of proposal:

The New York City Department of Education (NYCDOE) is proposing to re-site and co-locate the middle school grades of Achievement First Aspire Charter School (84K680), referred to as AF Aspire, in building K306, beginning in the 2018-2019 school year. K306 is located at 970 Vermont Street, Brooklyn, NY 11207 in Community School District 19.

Concurrently, the NYCDOE is proposing to temporarily co-locate grade five of Achievement First Linden Charter School (84K788), referred to as AF Linden, for a one year period in K306 in the 2018-2019 school year.

K306 is currently occupied by P.S. 306 Ethan Allen (19K306), referred to as P.S. 306, an existing district elementary school serving students in grades K-5 and pre-Kindergarten (pre-K).

A re-siting means that part or all of a school will be located in a different building than the building in which the school has been located. A co-location means that two or more school organizations are located in the same building and may share common spaces, such as:

- Auditoriums;
- Gymnasiums;
- Libraries; and
- Cafeterias.

The community-based organization Partnership with Children, referred to as PWC, is also located in K306.

AF Aspire currently serves students in grades K-5 in building K202, located at 982 Hegeman Avenue,

Brooklyn, NY 11208, where it is co-located with P.S. 202 Ernest S. Jenkyns (19K202), referred to as P.S. 202, an existing district elementary school serving students in grades K-5 and pre-K. K202 is approximately 1.2 miles from K306 and is also in District 19. The AF Aspire Middle School, referred to as AF Aspire MS, currently serves students in grade five. Pursuant to a proposal approved in 2012, AF Aspire MS was approved to expand to serve students in grade six beginning in the 2018-2019 school year, grade seven beginning in the 2019-2020 school year and grade eight beginning in the 2020-2021 school year in K202. The NYCDOE has issued a revised Building Utilization Plan (BUP) for K202, which will be implemented if this proposal is approved. More details about space in K202 is available in the revised BUP for K202.

AF Linden currently serves students in grades K-4 in building K166, located at 800 Van Siclen Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11207, where it is co-located with Van Siclen Community Middle School (19K654) and The UFT Charter School (84K359). K166 is approximately 0.4 miles from K306, also in District 19.

Pursuant to amendments to the Education Law that provide certain new and expanding charter schools with access to facilities, the AF Linden Middle School, referred to as AF Linden MS, made a request to the NYCDOE for space for their first cohort of students in grade five while they prepare to move into a long-term private facility. The NYCDOE supports the temporary colocation of AF Linden MS as it will allow rising grade five students who are currently attending grade four at AF Linden in K166 with a continued educational experience with AF Linden MS in K306. Accordingly, the NYCDOE proposes to temporarily co-locate AF Linden MS in K306 during the 2018-2019 school year.

If this proposal is approved, in the 2018-2019 school year, AF Aspire MS will be re-sited and co-located in K306 with P.S. 306. Additionally, AF Linden MS will be temporarily co-located for a one year period in K306. In the 2019-2020 school year, AF Linden MS will relocate to its private facility where it will expand to serve grades 5-8 at scale, and AF Aspire MS and P.S. 306 will remain co-located in K306. AF Aspire MS will expand to serve students in grades five and six in the 2018-2019 school year, grades 5-7 beginning in the 2019-2020 school year and grades 5-8 beginning in the 2020-2021 school year in K306.

B. Impact on K306:

K306 has the capacity to serve a total of 1,020 students according to the 2015-2016 Enrollment, Capacity and Utilization Report, also known as the Blue Book. The Blue Book is available online at: https://dnnhh5cc1.blob.core.windows.net/portals/0/Capital_Plan/Utilization_Reports/Blue%20Book%202015-2016.pdf?sr=b&si=DNNFileManagerPolicy&sig=AEExrFIUz%2BQDwk%2FlptyHq0ZkW2Ur9J69SJuy4MgQ%2BAp4%3D.

In the current 2017-2018 school year, 316 total students are projected to be served at P.S. 306 in K306 which yields a building utilization rate of 31%.

If this proposal is approved, in the 2018-2019 school year, K306 is projected to have a total building enrollment of 534-624 students. Enrollment projections per school are as follows:

- P.S. 306 is projected to serve 264-324 students;
- AF Aspire MS is projected to serve 185-205 students; and
- AF Linden MS is projected to serve 85-95 students.

As such, in 2018-2019, K306 will have a projected building utilization rate of 52-61%.

At the conclusion of the 2018-2019 school year, AF Linden MS will re-locate and would no longer be temporarily co-located in K306.

In 2020-2021, when the proposal is at scale and AF Aspire MS is serving students in grades 5-8, K306 will have a projected total building enrollment of approximately 599-699 students.

- P.S. 306 is projected to serve 239-299 students; and
- AF Aspire MS is projected to serve 360-400 students.

As such, in 2020-2021, K306 will have a projected building utilization rate of 59-69%, indicating that all school organizations are able to fit in the building.

The BUP for K306 that accompanies this proposal also demonstrates that there is sufficient space in K306 to accommodate all schools.

More details about space are available in Section III.B and Appendices A and C of the Educational Impact Statement (EIS), as well as in the BUP for K306 that is attached to this proposal, and the revised BUP for K202.

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

The EIS and BUPs are available in the main offices of P.S. 306, P.S. 202 and AF Aspire. The documents are also available on the NYCDOE's website at: <http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2017-2018/November282017SchoolProposals>.

III. Submission of public comment.

Members of the public who wish to provide comments are encouraged to attend the Joint Public Hearings for this proposal and share their feedback in person. All comments must be submitted at least 24 hours in advance of the Panel for Educational Policy (PEP) meeting at which this proposal is subject to a vote in order to be mentioned in the Public Comment Analysis to be published and provided to the PEP the evening before the PEP votes.

Members of the public that do not provide comments at the hearing may also provide oral or written comments as follows:

- Written comments can be sent to D19Proposals@schools.nyc.gov.
- Oral comments can be left at 212-374-0208.

IV. The NYCDOE representative who can provide further information on this proposal.

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V. Date, time and location of the Joint Public Hearings for this proposal.

Joint Public Hearing at building K202:
Date: November 20, 2017
Time: 6 p.m.
982 Hegeman Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11208

Joint Public Hearing at building K306:
Date: November 21, 2017
Time: 6 p.m.
970 Vermont Street, Brooklyn, NY 11207

Speaker sign-up will begin 30 minutes before each hearing, at 5:30 PM, and will close 15 minutes after the start of the hearings.

Attendees with concerns about access to the hearing's locations should call 212-374-0208 or email accessibility@schools.nyc.gov. Requests for accommodations will be fielded up to 72 hours before the hearings.

VI. Date, time and location of the PEP meeting at which this proposal will be voted on.

Date: November 28, 2017

Time: 6 p.m.

Location: Long Island City High School

14-30 Broadway, Queens, NY 11106

Attendees with disabilities or with concerns about access to the PEP meeting location should call 212-374-0208 or email accessibility@schools.nyc.gov. Requests for accommodations will be fielded up to 72 hours before the hearing.