



Notice
March 1, 2016

**Department of
Education**

Carmen Fariña, Chancellor

The Proposed Grade Truncation of P.S. 327 Dr. Rose B. English (23K327) from a K-8 School to a K-5 School Beginning in the 2016-2017 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 truncate the grades served by P.S. 327 Dr. Rose B. English (23K327, “P.S. 327”) beginning in the 2016-2017 school year so that it will no longer serve grades six through eight at scale. P.S. 327 is an existing district school serving students in grades kindergarten through eight and offering a pre-kindergarten (“Pre-K”) program in building K327 (“K327”), located at 111 Bristol Street, Brooklyn, NY 11212 in Community School District 23 (“District 23”). K327 also houses P396K@I327K (75K369), one site of an existing multi-sited District 75 program serving students in an inclusion program in kindergarten through fifth grade.

If this proposal is approved by the Panel for Educational Policy (“PEP”), P.S. 327 will no longer enroll sixth-grade students after the 2015-2016 school year, seventh-grade students after the 2016-2017 school year, and eighth-grade students after the 2017-2018 school year. In the 2018-2019 school year, P.S. 327 will only serve students in kindergarten through fifth grades. If this proposal is approved, P.S. 327 will have the opportunity to focus exclusively on its elementary school grades. This truncation will enable P.S. 327 to continue building a high quality elementary school option for the District 23 community.

Last year, approximately 50% of fifth grade students did not choose to remain in P.S. 327 for middle school. Given this low demand, the school community has requested the truncation of its middle school grades by the DOE. If this proposal is approved, the truncation will allow the school community to focus exclusively on the elementary school grades and will no longer offer seats to its middle school grades that are not in high demand.

Building K327 has the capacity to serve 734 students. In the current 2015-2016 school year, the K327 building serves 535 total students, yielding an estimated utilization rate of 73%. If this proposal is approved, P.S. 327 and P396K@I327K in K327 are projected to serve approximately 437-519 students in the 2016-2017 school year across kindergarten through fifth grade, seventh grade, eighth grade, and Pre-K, yielding an estimated building utilization rate of 60%-71%. In the 2017-2018 school year, P.S. 327 and P396K@I327K in K327 are projected to serve approximately 387-459 total students across kindergarten through fifth grade, eighth grade, and Pre-K, yielding an estimated building utilization rate of 53%-63%. In the 2018-2019 school year, once the truncation is complete, P.S. 327 and P396K@I327K in K327 will serve approximately 332-394 total students serving kindergarten through fifth grades and Pre-K, yielding an estimated building utilization rate of 45%-54%.

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

The Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) can be found on the DOE’s website:
<http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2015-2016/April202016SchoolProposals>.

Copies of the EIS are also available in the main office of the schools listed above.

III. Submission of public comment.

Members of the public who wish to provide comments are encouraged to attend the Joint Public Hearing for this proposal and share their feedback in person. Members of the public that do not provide comments at the hearing may also provide oral or written comments as described below. All comments must be submitted at least 24 hours in advance of the 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.

Written comments can be sent to D23Proposals@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.

Name: Tyeshia Smith
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Address: 52 Chambers Street, New York, NY 10007
Email: D23Proposals@schools.nyc.gov
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V. Date, time and place of the Joint Public Hearing for this proposal:

April 11, 2016 at 6:00 PM
Building K327
111 Bristol Street
Brooklyn, NY 11212

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 PEP meeting at which the PEP will vote on the proposed item.

April 20, 2016 at 6:00 PM
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