



Notice
March 3, 2016

The Proposed Closure of Foreign Language Academy of Global Studies (07X520) in Building X155 at the End of the 2015-2016 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 the closure of Foreign Language Academy of Global Studies (07X520, “FLAGS”), an existing high school that currently serves students in ninth through twelfth grade in building X155 (“X155”), located at 470 Jackson Avenue, Bronx, NY 10455, in Community School District 7 (“District 7”), at the end of the 2015-2016 school year. FLAGS is currently co-located in X155 with the J. M. Rapport School of Career Development (75X754, “P754X@X155”). P754X@X155 is one site of an existing District 75 program that serves students in grades nine through twelve.

The DOE is proposing to close FLAGS based on its persistently low enrollment, low performance, and lack of demand by students and families. If this proposal is approved, FLAGS will close at the end of the 2015-2016 school year and will no longer exist as a high school option beginning in the 2016-2017 school year. Current ninth-, tenth- and eleventh-grade students, as well as twelfth-grade students who are not on track to graduate, will work individually with DOE staff and will be offered seats in other district high schools. Current twelfth-grade students who meet mandated graduation requirements at the end of the current school year will graduate from FLAGS in June 2016.

There is sufficient capacity in high schools throughout the Bronx to accommodate current FLAGS students, as well as future students who might have attended FLAGS if it remained open as a high school option. If the proposed closure of FLAGS is approved, all non-graduating students will receive individualized enrollment support from the superintendent’s staff and Family Welcome Center counselors, focusing on each student’s interests to find a seat that is aligned to their needs. All non-graduating students will receive alternative options for enrollment in another high school before being discharged from the closing school.

In a separate proposal, the DOE is concurrently proposing to co-locate grades five through eight of Academic Leadership Charter School (84X491, “ALCS”) with P754X@X155 in building X155. These proposals are not contingent on one another and will be voted on separately by the Panel for Educational Policy (“PEP”). In other words, there would still be space to co-locate grades five through eight of ALCS in X155 in the event that this proposal to close FLAGS is not approved. The Building Utilization Plan (“BUP”) attached to the co-location proposal presumes the proposal to close FLAGS is approved; if it is not approved, the BUP will be revised accordingly.

If this proposal is approved, FLAGS will close at end of the 2015-2016 school year and will no longer exist as a school option. As noted above, X155 is currently serving a total of 443 students and is therefore operating below the target capacity and building utilization rate. If the closure of FLAGS is approved by the PEP, and if the concurrent proposal to co-locate grades five through eight of ALCS is also approved by the PEP, in 2016-2017, building X155 is projected to serve 530-710 students across ALCS and P754X@X155, yielding a projected utilization rate of 49%-66%.

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

The 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 offices of P754X@X155 and FLAGS.

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 who 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 submitted via email to: D07Proposals@schools.nyc.gov.

Oral comments can be left by phone at 212-374-5159.

IV. The name, office, address, e-mail address 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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Address: 52 Chambers Street, Room 219, New York, NY 10007
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Phone: 212-374-5159

V. Date, time and place of the Joint Public Hearing for this proposal.

April 5, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.
Building X155
470 Jackson Avenue
Bronx, NY 10455

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

April 20, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.
M.S. 131
100 Hester Street
New York, NY 10002