



Notice
March 3, 2016

The Proposed Co-location of Academic Leadership Charter School (84X491) Grades 5-8 with District 75 School P754X@X155 (75X754) in Building X155 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 co-locate grades five through eight of Academic Leadership Charter School (84X491, “ALCS”) in building X155 (“X155”) beginning in the 2016-2017 school year. 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. ALCS is an existing public charter school that serves students in grades kindergarten through seven. Building X155 houses the J. M. Rapport School of Career Development (“P754X@X155”). P754X@X155 is one site of an existing District 75 program that serves students in grades nine through twelve. X155 is located at 470 Jackson Avenue, Bronx, New York 10455, within Community School District 7 (“District 7”).

Concurrent with this proposal, the DOE is issuing a proposal to close Foreign Language Academy of Global Studies (07X520, “FLAGS”), an existing district high school that currently serves students in grades nine through twelve in building X155, at the end of the 2015-2016 school year. However, because building X155 currently has sufficient capacity to accommodate the co-location of ALCS alongside FLAGS in building X155, ALCS may be co-located in X155 regardless of whether the Panel for Educational Policy (“PEP”) votes to approve the closure of FLAGS, and the viability of this proposal is not contingent on approval of the closure proposal. If the PEP does not approve the closure of FLAGS, the Building Utilization Plan (“BUP”) that accompanies this Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) will be revised accordingly.

ALCS’s grades kindergarten through four and its pre-kindergarten program are currently housed in building X065, located at 677 East 141 Street, Bronx, New York 10454, and the school’s grades five through seven are housed in building XAEI, a private building located at 500 Courtlandt Avenue, Bronx, New York 10451. Buildings X065 and XAEI are both located within the geographical confines of District 7. If this proposal is approved, beginning in the 2016-2017 school year, ALCS students currently in grades five through seven will no longer attend classes in building XAEI. Instead, they will attend classes in X155, where ALCS will be co-located with P754X@X155 and where ALCS will be able to grow to serve students in eighth grade at X155. Building X155 is located approximately 0.8 miles from building XAEI, approximately 0.4 miles from building X065 where ALCS serves grades kindergarten through four, and near public transportation; therefore building X155 is a good location for satisfying ALCS’s request for co-located space.

Building X155 has the capacity to serve a total of 1,079 students. The DOE strives to ensure that all students in New York City have access to a diverse range of high-quality schools at every stage of their education. To this end, the DOE evaluates public school buildings throughout the City that are “under-utilized,” meaning they have space to accommodate additional students. Building X155 is

currently “under-utilized.” Therefore, the DOE is proposing to co-locate ALCS in the X155 building with P754X@X155. If this proposal is approved, ALCS will serve a projected 250-290 students in grades five through eight and P754X@X155 will serve a projected 280-420 students in grades nine through twelve in the 2016-2017 school year. This will result in a total projected building enrollment of 530-710 students in X155, yielding a building utilization rate of 49%-66%. If the proposal to close FLAGS is not approved, the total projected building enrollment would be 610-830, yielding a projected building utilization rate of 57%-77% in the 2016-2017 school year. Accordingly, there is sufficient space in building X155 to co-locate ALCS regardless of whether the proposal to close FLAGS is approved.

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

The EIS and BUP can be found on the DOE’s website:
<http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2015-2016/April202016SchoolProposals>.

Copies of the EIS and BUP are also available in the main offices of P754X@X155 and ALCS.

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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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