



Notice
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**Department of
Education**

Carmen Fariña, Chancellor

The Proposed Opening and Co-Location of a New Site of an Existing District 75 School (75Q277) with P.S. 76 William Hallet (30Q076) in Building Q076 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 open and co-locate a new site of an existing District 75 school, 75Q277, in building Q076 (“Q076”), to be called “P277Q@Q076” beginning in the 2016-2017 school year. Q076 is located at 36-36 10th Street, Queens, NY 11106 in Community School District 30 (“District 30”). If this proposal is approved, P277Q@Q076 will serve elementary school students and will be co-located with P.S. 76 William Hallet (30Q076, “P.S. 76”), an existing zoned elementary school that serves students in kindergarten through fifth grades and offers a pre-kindergarten (“Pre-K”) program. Q076 also houses a District 30 Pre-K Center (30Q389, “Pre-K Center”) and a community-based organization (“CBO”): Steinway Child and Family Services. Independent of this proposal, the CBO currently housed in Q076 will be replaced by the Mental Health Providers of Western Queens CBO beginning in the 2016-2017 school year.

Based on a projected increased need for District 75 seats, the District 75 Placement Office is seeking to increase its capacity to serve students within Queens who have been classified as having autism or intellectual disabilities, and offer a District 75 program placement to elementary school students who reside in Queens. The DOE has identified a need for additional District 75 elementary school seats in this borough. If this proposal is approved, the DOE will open a new District 75 site, P277Q@Q076, beginning in the 2016-2017 school year. P277Q@Q076 will serve a range of students across kindergarten through fifth grades who are classified as autistic or intellectually disabled under an Individualized Education Program (“IEP”). P277Q@Q076 is projected to serve eight sections of students in self-contained (“SC”) 6:1:1, 8:1:1, or 12:1:1 classroom settings (ratio of students: teacher: paraprofessional). Students are placed in District 75 programs based on their individual needs and recommended special education services, and are referred to District 75 during a period that extends into summer. Students may be served in this program throughout the course of their education.

If approved, this proposal will add approximately 48-96 District 75 SC seats in Q076 for District 75 elementary school students who are classified as autistic or intellectually disabled on their IEPs. These additional seats are necessary to meet the increased demand for District 75 SC programming in Queens and to increase access to such programs in District 30 in particular.

Building Q076 has a target capacity to serve 776 students. P.S. 76 is currently serving 557 students in Q076 and the Pre-K Center is currently serving 4 students, yielding a building utilization rate of approximately 72%. If this proposal is approved, P277Q@Q076 will open in September 2016 in Q076 serving eight SC sections of elementary school students, for a total of approximately 48-96 students. P.S. 76 is projected to serve 547-607 students, and the Pre-K Center is projected to serve 36 students in Q076 in the 2016-2017 school year. Therefore the total projected enrollment for building Q076 will be 631-739, yielding an estimated building utilization rate of 81%-95% in the 2016-2017 school year. Accordingly, the DOE believes there is sufficient space in Q076 to support this proposal.

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

The Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) can be found on the Department of Education’s Web site:

<http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2015-2016/April202016SchoolProposals>.

Copies of the EIS are also available in the main office of P.S. 76.

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 Panel the evening before the Panel votes.

Written comments can be sent to D30Proposals@schools.nyc.gov

Oral comments can be left at 212-374-7621

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.

April 13, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.
Building Q076
36-36 10th Street
Queens, NY 11106

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 it begins.

VI. Date, time and place of the Panel for Educational Policy meeting at which the Panel will vote on the proposed item.

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