



**Notice**  
March 4, 2016

**Department of  
Education**

*Carmen Fariña, Chancellor*

## **The Proposed Temporary Co-Location of the Ninth and Tenth Grades of Unity Preparatory Charter School of Brooklyn (84K757) with Brownsville Academy High School (17K568), in Building K907 Beginning in 2016-2017**

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

The New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) is proposing to temporarily co-locate the ninth and tenth grades of Unity Preparatory Charter School of Brooklyn (84K757, “Unity Prep”) in building K907, located at 1150 East New York Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11212 in Community School District 17 (“District 17”), where it will be co-located with Brownsville Academy High School (17K568, “Brownsville Academy”), an existing transfer high school that serves students in tenth through twelfth grades. While transfer schools serve students in ninth through twelfth grades, they do not adhere to strict grade distinctions as students typically enroll at various stages of credit accumulation or number of Regents exams passed. K907 also houses the community-based organization (“CBO”) CAMBA and the office of the Executive Superintendent of Equity and Access. If this proposal is approved, Unity Prep’s high school grades (“Unity Prep HS”) will open in K907. In the 2016-2017 school year, Unity Prep will serve approximately 110-120 students in the ninth grade. In the 2017-2018 school year Unity Prep HS will serve 205-225 students in the ninth and tenth grade in K907. 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.

If this proposal is approved, Unity Prep HS will serve students in grade nine in K907 in the 2016-2017 school year, and will serve students in grades nine and ten in K907 in the 2017-2018 school year. Beginning in the 2018-2019 school year, when Unity Prep’s private space is completed, students from Unity Prep’s high school site at K907 will continue to be served by Unity Prep HS, albeit at a new location at 32 Lexington Street. Building K907 is approximately 3.3 miles from Unity Prep HS’s new location at 32 Lexington Street. Any significant change to school utilization in K907 for the 2018-2019 school year and beyond would be subject to an additional Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) and would require the approval of the Panel for Educational Policy (“PEP”).

Building K907 has the capacity to serve a total of 619 students. If this proposal is approved, Unity Prep HS will serve 110-120 students and Brownsville Academy will serve approximately 145-175 students. As explained above, the projected utilization rate of the building that year is expected to be 41%-48%. In the second and final year of this proposal, in the 2017-2018 school year, Unity Prep HS will serve 205-225 students, and Brownsville Academy will serve approximately 145-175 students. Thus, total enrollment in K907 in the 2017-2018 school year is projected to be 350-400 students, yielding a projected building utilization rate of 57%-65%.

More details regarding projected building utilization rate is available in Section III.B and Appendix A of the EIS as well as in the Building Utilization Plan (“BUP”) that is attached to this proposal.

**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 all 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 [D17Proposals@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:D17Proposals@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.**

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

April 4, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.  
Building K907  
1150 East New York Avenue  
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 Panel will vote on the proposed item.**

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