

Educational Impact Statement

Proposal for a Significant Change in the Utilization of School Building X420: The Phase-Out of Monroe Academy for Business/Law (12X690)

I. Summary of Proposal

Beginning in the 2010-2011 school year, Monroe Academy for Business/Law (12X690, “Monroe Academy for Business”), an existing school serving grades 9-12, will be phased out of operation. Monroe Academy for Business is housed in school building X420 (hereinafter referred to as “X420”), located at 1300 Boynton Avenue, Bronx in Community School District 12 (“District 12”). Monroe Academy for Business is currently co-located with four other schools: (1) High School of World Cultures (12X550, “World Cultures”); (2) Monroe Academy for Visual Arts and Design (12X692, “Monroe Academy for Visual Arts”); (3) Bronx Coalition Community High School (12X680, “Bronx Coalition Community”); and (4) Pan American International High School at Monroe (12X388, “Pan American International”). There is also an Alternative Learning Center housed in X420, ALC – Monroe Campus (88X995, “ALC-Monroe Campus”). The 2008-2009 target utilization rate of X420 was 79%, and its target capacity was 2,153.

In the 2010-2011 school year, Monroe Academy for Business will begin phasing out one grade per year. Grade 9 will be eliminated in 2010-2011; grade 10 will be eliminated in 2011-2012; and grade 11 will be eliminated in 2012-2013. Monroe Academy for Business will close in June 2013.

The proposal to phase-out and eventually close Monroe Academy for Business is based on the DOE's determination that the school has failed to significantly improve student performance. Under the DOE's accountability framework, schools that receive an overall grade of D or F on the Progress Report are subject to school improvement measures. If no significant progress is made over time, a leadership change (subject to contractual obligations), restructuring, or closure is possible. The same is true for schools receiving a C for three years in a row and for schools that the Chancellor has determined lack the necessary capacity to improve student performance. Decisions about the consequences a school will face are based on the school's Progress Report grades, Quality Review scores, and a variety of other factors. Additional factors contributing to decisions regarding school closure or phase-out include demand for the school's services, structural factors such as principal tenure and special population concentration, comparative quality of existing options, and potential replacement options.

Monroe Academy for Business received a C on its 2007-2008 Progress Report and a D on its 2008-2009 Progress Report. In 2009, the DOE conducted an assessment of Monroe Academy for Business's capacity to improve student performance. After consultation with internal stakeholders, the DOE determined that Monroe Academy for

Business had not made significant progress for its students. Due to the school's failure to make significant progress, the DOE now proposes this phase-out and eventual closure.

At this time, there is no plan for the use of space made available by the phase-out and closure of Monroe Academy for Business in X420. Any proposal to move an existing school into this space or to site a new school in the building will be addressed in a separate educational impact statement.

II. Enrollment, Admissions, and School Performance for Monroe Academy for Business

1. Enrollment

Current Grades Served:	9-12
Current Enrollment (As of 10/31/2009 ATS Unaudited Register):	475
Grades Served 2010-2011:	10-12
Projected 2010-2011 Enrollment:	275-375

2. Admissions

Students had applied to Monroe Academy for Business through the citywide high school admissions process. Beginning in the 2010-2011 school year, Monroe Academy for Business will no longer be a choice for the citywide high school admissions process.

3. School Performance

Progress Report Grades

2007-2008:	C
2008-2009:	D

Graduation Rate (2008-2009): Four year: 52.1%

Quality Review Scores

2007-2008:	Proficient
2008-2009:	Underdeveloped

Accountability Status

Overall Federal Status (2008-2009):	In Good Standing
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Overall State Status
(2008-2009):

In Good Standing

Status with
Differentiated
Accountability
(2009-2010):

Improvement (Year 1) - Basic

To access school performance and accountability information for Monroe Academy for Business, please visit <http://schools.nyc.gov/SchoolPortals/12/X690/AboutUs/Statistics/default.htm>.

Average Attendance
(2008-2009):

78.2%

To access copies of the Attendance Report for Monroe Academy for Business, please visit <http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/data/stats/attendance/default.htm>.

III. Proposed or Potential Use of X420

No decisions about the use of the space in the building have been made at this time. Any future proposal for the use of space in X420 created by the phase-out and eventual closure of Monroe Academy for Business will be addressed in a separate educational impact statement.

IV. Impact of the Proposed Phase-Out on the Community, Existing Schools and Students

A. Community Ramifications

Approximately 475 high school seats will be eliminated by the phase-out of Monroe Academy for Business. However, these seats will be recovered through the phase-in of other new high schools throughout the City.

B. Existing Schools

World Cultures, Monroe Academy for Visual Arts, Bronx Coalition Community, Pan American International, and ALC-Monroe Campus will not be impacted by the phase-out and closure of Monroe Academy for Business. During the course of Monroe Academy for Business's phase-out, Monroe Academy for Business, World Cultures, Monroe Academy for Visual Arts, Bronx Coalition Community, Pan American International, and ALC-Monroe Campus will have sufficient instructional space to serve students in X420 as per the citywide instructional footprint. After implementation of this proposal, World Cultures, Monroe Academy for Visual Arts, Bronx Coalition Community, Pan American International, and ALC-Monroe Campus will have sufficient space to operate at full organizational capacity. A space plan for all schools in the building will be developed

based on the standard instructional footprint. Decisions regarding the programming of shared spaces in X420 will be made by school leaders.

To access the citywide instructional footprint, please visit the DOE's Web site at http://schools.nyc.gov/NR/rdonlyres/8CF30F41-DE25-4C30-92DE-731949919FC3/65901/NYCDOE_Instructional_Footprint_revisedMay2009_noco.pdf.

C. Students

All current Monroe Academy for Business students will have the opportunity to graduate from Monroe Academy for Business, assuming they continue to earn credits on schedule. Current Monroe Academy for Business students enrolled in grade 9 for the first time will have the opportunity to participate in the high schools admissions process so that they can begin in a different school as a grade 10 student in September 2010 (pending satisfactory completion of promotion criteria and grade 10 seat availability). Current Monroe Academy for Business grade 10 students or students who are repeating grade 9 are encouraged to meet with their guidance counselors to explore their options for the 2010-2011 school year. Throughout the course of the phase-out of Monroe Academy for Business and after its closure there will continue to be a sufficient number of high school seats in the Bronx and throughout the city to serve students who would have attended Monroe Academy for Business.

V. Initial Costs and Savings

Once the phase-out is fully implemented, the DOE will cease to allocate or repurpose all funds currently allocated to Monroe Academy for Business.

VI. Effect on Personnel Needs and Costs of Instruction, Administration, Transportation and Other Support Services

A. Personnel

All administrative staff and non-pedagogical positions at Monroe Academy for Business will be eliminated over the course of the phase-out.

All teaching positions assigned to Monroe Academy for Business will be eliminated over the course of the phase-out. However, the elimination of these assignments will not necessarily result in an overall loss of teaching positions within the citywide system due to transfers to other existing assignments and the creation of additional pedagogical positions with the phase-in of new/replacement schools.

B. Costs of Instruction

Once the phase-out is fully implemented, the DOE will cease to allocate or repurpose all funds currently allocated to Monroe Academy for Business. Please note that per capita funds no longer allocated to the school as a result of this proposal do not represent a reduction in total system costs.

C. Administration

All school supervisor and/or administrator positions assigned to Monroe Academy for Business will be eliminated as a result of the phase-out.

D. Transportation

Throughout the course of the phase-out of Monroe Academy for Business, transportation will continue to be provided pursuant to Chancellor's Regulation A-801. To access the Chancellor's Regulation A-801, please visit the DOE's Web site at <http://schools.nyc.gov/RulesPolicies/ChancellorsRegulations>.

E. Other Support Services

Other support services will continue to be provided consistent with citywide policy.

VII. Building Information

A. Building Type, Age and Physical Condition

X420 is a high school building that was built in 1924. The building received an overall rating of 2.48 out of 5 on the 2008-2009 Building Condition Assessment Survey ("BCAS"). To view the key for BCAS ratings, please visit <http://schools.nyc.gov/Documents/BCAS/BCAS%20Key.pdf>.

To view the 2008-2009 BCAS Report for X420, please visit <http://schools.nyc.gov/SchoolPortals/12/X690/AboutUs/Statistics>.

2008-2009 Target capacity:	2,153
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2008-2009 Target utilization rate:	79%
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The utilization and capacity information is from the Enrollment, Capacity and Utilization Report which is the standard by which the DOE measures the maximum capacity of the building compared to the enrollment. To access the Enrollment, Capacity and Utilization Report, please visit <http://schools.nyc.gov/Offices/SCA/Reports/CapPlan/default.htm>.

B. Fiscal Year 2009 Maintenance Costs

Labor:	\$110,291.28
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Materials:	\$112,297.81
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Maintenance and Repair Contracts:	\$74,538.26
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Service Contracts:	\$7,020.00
Custodial Operations	
Materials:	\$21,125.18
Custodial Allocation:	\$651,930.21

C. Fiscal Year 2009 Energy Costs

Electric:	\$365,714.00
Gas:	\$8,794.00
Oil:	\$237,809.00

D. Recent and Planned Improvements

Recent improvements include a telephone system installation and computers upgrade.

Planned improvements include floor finish improvements.

E. Special Features

The building has art rooms, an auditorium, a cafeteria, gymnasiums, a library, computer rooms, and science labs.