



Date: December 16, 2009

Topic: Proposed Grade Expansion of New School #1 @ P.S. 60 (08X333) and Grade Expansion of New School #2 @ P.S. 60 (08X335)

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Summary of Proposal

This is a proposal to expand grades served by New School #1 and New School #2, both at P.S. 60. New School #1 is an existing school serving grades PreK-3 and in the 2010-2011 school year, will implement a gradual grade reconfiguration plan to expand it to a PreK-5. Also beginning in the 2010-2011 school year, New School #2, an existing school serving grades 4-5, will implement a gradual grade reconfiguration plan to expand it to a PreK-5. New School #1 and New School #2 are co-located in school building X060 located at 888 Rev J A Polite Ave, Bronx in Community School District 8. The grade expansion of New School #1 will create approximately 25 new elementary school seats in District 8 and the grade expansion of New School #2 will create approximately 200-260 new elementary school seats in District 8, totaling approximately 225-285 new elementary seats in District 8. The proposal will create grade alignment. An Educational Impact Statement on this proposal was posted on the Department of Education's website on November 2, 2009.

Comments Received at the Joint Public Hearing

A joint public hearing regarding this proposal was held at P.S. 60 on December 2, and all interested parties had an opportunity to provide input on the proposal. Ten members of the public spoke in opposition to proposal, citing concerns about overcrowding in the building and the potential for future closure of one of the two schools. Two commenters spoke in favor of the proposal and cited continuity of instruction as the basis of their support

Summary of Issues Raised in Written and Oral Comments and Significant Alternatives Suggested

No written or oral comments regarding this proposal were received.

**Analysis of Issues Raised, Significant Alternatives Proposed
and Changes Made to the Proposal**

The DOE has made no changes to the proposal to change the grade configurations of New School #1 and New School #2. The proposal will be presented to the PEP as it is posted.

A copy of the educational impact statement for this proposal can be obtained at:

http://schools.nyc.gov/NR/ronlyres/58B16C3D-B443-46DD-9F35-8716877EDF37/70858/EISCombined08X333_08X338.pdf