

## **Amended Educational Impact Statement**

### **Proposal for a Significant Change in the Utilization of School Building K806: The Phase-Out and Eventual Closure of Metropolitan Corporate Academy (15K530)**

#### **I. Summary of Proposal**

Beginning in the 2010-2011 school year, Metropolitan Corporate Academy (15K530, “Metropolitan Academy”), an existing school serving grades 9-12, will be phased out of operation. Metropolitan Academy is housed in school building K806 (hereinafter referred to as “K806”), located at 362 Schermerhorn Street, Brooklyn in Community School District 15 (“District 15”). A District 75 Program (75K753, “District 75 K753”) is currently co-located with Metropolitan Academy at K806. The 2008-2009 target utilization rate of K806 was 97%, and its target capacity was 517.

In the 2010-2011 school year, Metropolitan Academy will begin phasing out one grade level 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. Metropolitan Academy will close in June 2013.

The proposal to phase-out and eventually close Metropolitan Academy is based on the Department of Education’s (“DOE”) determination that the school lacks the capacity 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.

Metropolitan Academy 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 the school’s capacity to improve student performance. After consultation with internal stakeholders, the DOE determined that Metropolitan Academy had not made significant progress for its students. Due to the school’s failure to make significant progress, the DOE now proposes the phase-out and eventual closure of the school.

The DOE proposes to use the space made available by the phase-out and eventual closure of Metropolitan Academy to house a new transfer school, 15K749. This proposal is the subject of a separate educational impact statement that will be published on January 8, 2010 and voted on by the Panel for Education Policy at its February 24, 2010 meeting. Prior to the Panel's vote on the proposal, a joint public hearing will be held at which the public may provide comment on this proposal.

## **II. Enrollment, Admissions, and School Performance for Metropolitan Academy**

### **A. Enrollment**

Current Grades Served:	9-12
Current Enrollment (As of 10/31/2009 ATS Unaudited Register):	419
Grades Served 2010-2011:	10-12
Projected 2010-2011 Enrollment:	275-350

### **B. Admissions**

Students had applied to Metropolitan Academy through the citywide high school admissions process. Beginning in the 2010-2011 school year, Metropolitan Academy will not be a choice in the citywide high school admissions process.

### **C. School Performance**

#### Progress Report Grades

2007-2008:	C
2008-2009:	D

Graduation Rate (2008-2009): Four year: 47.1%

#### Quality Review Scores

2007-2008:	Underdeveloped with proficient features
2008-2009:	Underdeveloped

#### Accountability Status

Overall Federal Status (2008-2009):	Restructuring - Year 1
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Overall State Status  
(2008-2009): Requiring Academic Progress - Year  
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Status with  
Differentiated  
Accountability  
(2009-2010): Restructuring (Year 2) -  
Comprehensive

To access school performance and accountability information for Metropolitan Academy, please visit <http://schools.nyc.gov/SchoolPortals/15/K530/AboutUs/Statistics/>.

Average Attendance  
(2008-2009): 82.2%

To access a copy of the 2008-2009 Attendance Report for Metropolitan Academy, please visit <http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/data/stats/attendance/>.

### **III. Proposed or Potential Use of K806**

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15K749 would open in K806 and serve over-age and under-credited students in grades 9-12. In 2010-2011, 15K749 would serve 9-12 with an enrollment of approximately 125-150 students. At scale, the projected enrollment of 15K749 would be 200-250 students. 15K749 would be co-located in K806 with 75K753 and, until June 2013, with Metropolitan Academy.

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

#### **A. Community Ramifications**

Approximately 419 total high school seats will be eliminated as a result of Metropolitan Academy's phase-out. However, the majority of these seats will be recovered through the phase-in of other new high schools throughout the City.

#### **B. Existing Schools**

The District 75 program located in K806 will not be impacted by the phase-out and closure of Metropolitan Academy. During the course of Metropolitan Academy's phase-

out, there will be sufficient instructional space to serve all students in K806 as per the citywide instructional footprint.

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](http://schools.nyc.gov/NR/rdonlyres/8CF30F41-DE25-4C30-92DE-731949919FC3/65901/NYCDOE_Instructional_Footprint_revisedMay2009_noco.pdf).

### **C. Students**

All current Metropolitan Academy students will have the opportunity to graduate from Metropolitan Academy, assuming they continue to earn credits on schedule. Current Metropolitan Academy 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 Metropolitan Academy 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 Metropolitan Academy and after its closure there will continue to be a sufficient number of high school seats in Brooklyn and throughout the city to serve students who would have attended Metropolitan Academy.

### **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 Metropolitan Academy.

### **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 Metropolitan Academy will be eliminated over the course of the phase-out.

All teaching positions assigned to Metropolitan Academy 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 or 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 Metropolitan Academy. 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 Metropolitan Academy will be eliminated as a result of the phase-out.

**D. Transportation**

Throughout the course of the phase-out of Metropolitan Academy, 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**

K806 is a high school building that was built in 1850. The building received an overall rating of 2.56 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 K806, please visit <http://schools.nyc.gov/SchoolPortals/15/K530/AboutUs/Statistics/>.

2008-2009 Target capacity:	517
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2008-2009 Target utilization rate:	97%
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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:	\$12,700.12
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Materials:	\$14,619.52
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Maintenance and Repair Contracts:	\$77,772.89
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Service Contracts:	\$408.30
Custodial Operations	
Materials:	\$3,825.82
Custodial Allocation:	\$185,886.98

**C. Fiscal Year 2009 Energy Costs**

Electric:	\$71,515.00
Gas:	\$21,213.00
Oil:	\$2,230.00

**D. Recent and Planned Improvements**

Recent improvements include data and voice capability upgrades and hallway and boiler room upgrades.

Planned improvements include student toilet replacements.

**E. Special Features**

The building has a cafeteria, a library, and a multipurpose room.