



Date: January 25, 2010

Topic: Proposed Relocation of an Existing School, P.S. 204 (09X204) to School Building X338

Date of Panel Vote: January 26, 2010

Summary of Proposal

This is a proposal to relocate an existing school, P.S. 204 (09X204, “P.S. 204”), currently split-sited in school buildings X824 at 108 West 174 Street, Bronx, NY, and X980 at 1732 Davidson Avenue, Bronx. Upon approval of this proposal, P.S. 204 will be located at school building X338 (hereinafter referred to as “X338”) located at 1740 Macombs Road, Bronx, in Community School District 9 (“District 9”). X338 is a newly constructed facility, and located in P.S. 204’s zone in District 9. P.S. 204 currently serves grades K-5 in X824 and X980 with an enrollment of 315-400 students, and it will continue to serve grades K-5 in X338. The relocation of P.S. 204 will provide the school with sufficient space to accommodate all zoned students.

An Educational Impact Statement on this proposal was posted on the Department of Education’s Web site on December 11, 2009.

An amended Educational Impact Statement on this proposal was posted on the January 7, 2010, indicating that once P.S. 204 has relocated, X824 will be used to house Carl C. Icahn South Bronx Charter School (84X422, “Icahn South”) and X980 will be used to house a District 79 GED program.

Comments Received at the Joint Public Hearings

A joint public hearing was held at X824 on January 22, 2010, and all interested parties had an opportunity to provide input on the proposal. Nine members of the public spoke in favor of the proposal and cited the fact that despite many facilities challenges at X824, the teachers and students of P.S. 204 have achieved academic success and deserve to move to a facility that will enable them to continue and build upon their success.

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

A total of 3 written comments regarding this proposal have been received; comments were received from a teacher, a parent, and Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz. All comments supported the proposal and commenters expressed their belief that P.S. 204 is most deserving of the new space because it already serves the students of District 9 very well and has achieved success in difficult conditions. The teacher cited that a new building would provide a great morale boost and motivation to the staff and students. The parent stated that a new building would unite the separated parts of the school community. Borough President Diaz expressed his support and noted that the current facilities are inadequate for P.S. 204's needs and that X338 would provide much needed rooms, such as a gymnasium and a library, to P.S. 204.

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

The DOE has chosen not to amend the proposal to relocate P.S. 204. The proposal will be presented to the Panel for educational Policy as currently posted.

A copy of the educational impact statement for this proposal can be obtained at http://schools.nyc.gov/NR/ronlyres/F0043783-8608-433C-855E-99228622A268/75100/BuildingX338_Amendment1710.pdf.

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