Department of Education
Carmen Fariña, Chancellor

Amended Notice
March 9, 2016

The Proposed Consolidation of Globe School with Environmental Research (11X272) with the School of Diplomacy (11X370) in Building X113 Beginning in the 2016-2017 School Year

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

The New York City Department of Education ("DOE") is proposing to consolidate Globe School withEnvironmental Research (11X272, "Globe School"), an existing middle school that currently serves students in grades six through eight, with the School of Diplomacy (11X370, "Diplomacy"), an existing middle school that serves students in grades six through eight, beginning in the 2016-2017 school year. The DOE is proposing to consolidate Globe School with Diplomacy because both schools have struggled with low enrollment, which creates budgetary and programmatic challenges. A "consolidation" means that two or more existing school organizations are combined into one school to operate and serve students more effectively. Proposals for consolidation seek to improve learning environments by combining the strengths and best practices of both schools and distributing resources to reinforce academic enrichment opportunities, interventions, and other supports. If this proposal is approved, Globe School and Diplomacy will be combined such that students, staff, and resources of Globe School will become part of Diplomacy, and Globe School will no longer exist as a distinct school option following the conclusion of the 2015-2016 school year.

The DOE has amended this notice to reflect the new location of the Panel for Educational Policy's ("PEP's") March 23, 2016, meeting at which this and other proposals will be voted. The new location for the March 23, 2016, meeting is the Prospect Heights Educational Campus, 883 Classon Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11225. No changes have been made to this proposal.

Diplomacy and Globe School are co-located in building X113 ("X113"), located at 3710 Barnes Avenue, Bronx, NY 10467 in Community School District 11 ("District 11"), along with the Forward School (11X287), an existing middle school that serves students in grades six through eight, and the Young Scholars Academy of the Bronx (11X289, "Young Scholars"), an existing middle school that serves students in grades six through eight. If this proposal is approved, the Forward School and Young Scholars will continue to serve students in grades six through eight in X113. Building X113 also houses the following community-based organizations: Phipps Neighborhoods ("Phipps"), Astor Services for Children and Families ("Astor"), and Sports and Arts in Schools Foundation ("Sports and Arts"). If this proposal is approved, Phipps, Astor, and Sports and Arts will continue to provide services and maintain their space in the X113 building.

The New York State Education Department ("SED") assigns an accountability status to each district school—Good Standing, Local Assistance Plan, Focus, or Priority. Both Diplomacy and Globe School are identified as Priority schools. If this proposal is approved, the newly consolidated school would retain Diplomacy's status as a Priority school.

Diplomacy, Globe School, and Young Scholars belong to a cohort of 94 schools that have been designated by the DOE as Renewal Schools. Schools selected to be Renewal Schools were assigned the state accountability status of Priority or Focus Schools by SED, demonstrated low academic achievement (in 2012, 2013, and 2014), and scored "Proficient" or below on their most recent Quality Review. (In four instances—which did not include Diplomacy, Globe School, or Young Scholars—schools were selected to be Renewal Schools per the Chancellor's discretion). The Forward School is not a Renewal School.

As Renewal Schools, Diplomacy, Globe School, and Young Scholars are currently being transformed into Community Schools. Community Schools are intended to be neighborhood hubs where students receive high-quality academic instruction, families can access social services, and communities congregate to share resources and address their common challenges. If this proposal is approved, Young Scholars and the consolidated Diplomacy would maintain their designations as Renewal Schools and Community Schools.

Building X113 has the capacity to serve a total of 1,592 students. If this proposal is approved, Diplomacy will absorb the enrollment of Globe School and will serve a projected 400-430 students in grades six through eight in the 2016-2017 school year. The Forward School will serve a projected 220-250 students in grades six through eight in the 2016-2017 school year, and Young Scholars will serve a projected 260-290 students in grades six through eight in the 2016-2017 school year. This will result in a total projected building enrollment of 880-970 students in X113, yielding a building utilization rate of 55-61%.

II. Information regarding where the full text of the proposed item may be obtained.

The Educational Impact Statement ("EIS") can be found on the DOE's website: http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2015-2016/March232016PanelMeeting.

Copies of the EIS are also available in the main offices of Globe School, Diplomacy, the Forward School, and Young Scholars.

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 who 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 Panel the evening before the Panel votes.

Written comments can be submitted via email to: D11Proposals@schools.nyc.gov.
Oral comments can be left by phone at 212-374-5159.

IV. The name, office, address, e-mail address 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.

March 9, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.
Building X113
3710 Barnes Avenue
Bronx, NY 10467

Questions about the proposal should be directed as indicated in Section IV above.

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 PEP will vote on the proposed item.

March 23, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.
Prospect Heights Educational Campus
883 Classon Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11225