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**NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION - DIVISION OF
PORTFOLIO PLANNING**
Truncation of 30Q152
from K-6 to K-15 - 11/10/14
November 10, 2014
5:30pm

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2 DR. PHILLIP COMPOSTO: Good evening. This
3 is a joint public hearing of the Department of
4 Education Community Education Council 30 and
5 School Leadership Team for the proposed grade
6 truncation for PS152, Gwendoline N. Alleyne
7 School, 30Q152, from a K to 6 school to a K to 5
8 school beginning in the 2015/2016 school year.
9 I am District Superintendent, Dr. Phillip A.
10 Composto. We have asked the district 30
11 community education council and the school
12 leadership team from PS152 to participate in
13 this joint public hearing. I am joined tonight
14 by Mr. Bartolo, our principal on my left, Mrs.
15 Foley from our School Leadership Team, Ms.
16 Mason, our CEC member, and Ms. Badalas, our CEC
17 member. This hearing is being audio and video
18 recording. The purpose of this hearing is for
19 you to provide comments about the proposal.
20 Before I describe the proposal, I want to make
21 sure you are all aware of the opportunity to
22 provide your input. All of those who wish to
23 speak, must sign up in the speaker sign-up area
24 located just outside the auditorium. The sign-
25 up list will close in 15 minutes. Speakers will

1 be given the floor in the order that they sign
2 up. All comments are limited to two minutes.
3 There may be elected officials who arrive at
4 different times throughout the evening. If they
5 wish to speak, we will do our best to
6 accommodate them at the first opportune moment.
7 Those who are here at the start of the public
8 comment segment will be asked to speak first.
9 All comments will be mentioned in the analysis
10 of public comment to be published and provided
11 to the Panel for Educational Policy the evening
12 the panel votes. That vote is scheduled for
13 November 25th, 2014. In addition, we welcome
14 any comments and feedback you have at any time
15 before the panel votes on this proposal. The
16 email address and phone number where comments
17 may be made are d30proposals@schools.nyc.gov or
18 you can call 212-374-7621. Proposal summary.
19 PS152, the Gwendoline N. Alleyne School is an
20 existing elementary school that serves students
21 in kindergarten through sixth grade and offers
22 two sections and a half a day for pre-K program.
23 New York City Department of Education is
24 proposing that PS152 only serve kindergarten
25 through fifth grade and offer a pre-kindergarten

1 program, which means that the school will no
2 longer offer sixth grade after the 2014/2015
3 school year. The DOE believes that PS152
4 families would benefit if all students move onto
5 middle school after completing the fifth grade.
6 Middle schools typically have extremely varied
7 and rich instructional offerings especially in
8 the sciences and languages as well as
9 extracurricular activities. The space and
10 facilities in a middle school building are
11 typically better aligned to support those
12 programs. By entering middle school in the
13 sixth grade rather than the seventh grade,
14 students at 152 will be able to take advantage
15 of these enriching high school preparatory
16 experiences one year earlier. The DOE is
17 proposing to truncate the sixth grade of PS152.
18 PS152 is a zoned elementary school, which
19 currently serves students in kindergarten
20 through sixth grade in building Q152 located at
21 32-52 62nd Street, Queens, New York 11377 in
22 community school district 30. If this proposal
23 is approved, PS152 will no longer enroll sixth
24 grade students after the conclusion of the
25 2014/2015 school year. In 2015/2016 and beyond,

1 PS152 will continue serving students in
2 kindergarten through fifth grade, and will
3 continue to offer a pre-kindergarten program.
4 There may be some current sixth grade students
5 who do not meet the motion requirements and must
6 repeat the sixth grade, which will no longer be
7 offered at PS152 in the 2015/2016 school year.
8 These students will repeat the sixth grade at
9 their zoned middle school. Sixth grade students
10 zoned to PS152 for elementary school are zoned
11 to one of the several middle schools. They're
12 zoned to either IS125, IS10, or IS230 for middle
13 school. PS152 is a zoned school that currently
14 enrolls students in kindergarten through sixth
15 grade. A student zoned school is determined by
16 his or her home address. If this proposal is
17 approved and PS152 no longer serves sixth grade
18 students, PS152 will continue to admit students
19 in kindergarten through fifth grade who reside
20 in its zone. On October 16, 2014, the district
21 30 community educational council approved a re-
22 zoning plan that included changes to PS152 zone
23 beginning in the 2015/2016 school year. The re-
24 zoning proposal reduces the size of PS152 zone.
25 Meaning the school will serve fewer students and

1 the building utilization rate will decrease
2 over time. The proposed grade truncation would
3 align the school's grade span with those of
4 other elementary schools throughout district 30
5 and the city. If this proposal is approved, the
6 change in PS152 grade-span will reduce the
7 school's enrollment by approximately 45 to 65
8 seats in the 2015/2016 school year.

9 Additionally, further incoming kindergarten
10 classes will be smaller than PS152 current
11 kindergarten class as a result of the proposed
12 re-zoning mentioned above. Therefore, PS152
13 will reach a lower stable enrollment in the
14 2020/2021 school year. At this point, the
15 school will serve approximately 1092 students to
16 1152 students in the kindergarten through fifth
17 grade and pre-kindergarten at building Q152 will
18 have an estimated building utilization rate of
19 about 104 to 109 percent. I want to thank you
20 at this time. Is there anybody from our CEC or
21 our School Leadership Team who would like to
22 make a comment at this time? Are you okay?

23 Okay. Mr. Bartolo, would you like to make a
24 comment at this time? I want to thank you all.
25 We have now concluded the formal presentation.

1 We will no offer--open the floor for public
2 comments. Speakers will be given the floor in
3 order that they signed up. All comments are
4 limited to two minutes. So obviously we only
5 have two families here. Would either one of you
6 like to ask a question or make a statement?
7 You're okay? Are you okay? Okay. So, if
8 you're interested in knowing where you child is
9 going to go, Mr. Bartolo, maybe you can, you
10 know, you'll see the secretary. I don't think
11 we have a--we'll put your address into the
12 computer and we'll know exactly what middle
13 school your child will be zoned for. All right?
14 So, basically, that's it. Any, any other
15 questions or concerns. Everybody okay? Again,
16 we welcome any comments and feedback you may
17 have at any time before the Panel for
18 Educational Policy votes on this proposal on the
19 November 25th meeting. The email address and
20 phone number where comments may be made are
21 district30proposals@schools.nyc.gov and 212-374-
22 7621. I want to thank you all for your
23 participation. I want to thank especially our
24 CEC members came out and Ms. Foley for the
25 School Leadership Team. Thank you so much. And

1 Suzanne, thank you for supporting me. And Dean
2 thank you your office as well. And our two
3 families, we thank you, and the evening is over.

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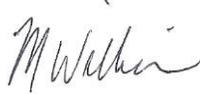
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Date 11/11/14