



Notice
February 6, 2015

The Proposed Re-siting and Co-location of Beginning with Children Charter School (84K703) Grades K-5 with P.S./I.S. 157 The Benjamin Franklin Health & Science Academy (14K157) in Building K157 Beginning in the 2015-2016 School Year

I. Description of the subject, purpose and substance of the proposal.

The New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) is proposing to re-site and co-locate grades kindergarten through five of Beginning with Children Charter School (84K703, “BwCCS”) in building K157 (“K157”), with P.S./I.S. 157 The Benjamin Franklin Health & Science Academy (14K157, “P.S./I.S. 157”), a district school that serves grades kindergarten through eight and offers a full-day pre-kindergarten program, beginning in the 2015-2016 school year. K157 is located at 850 Kent Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11205, in Community School District 14 (“District 14”). Currently, BwCCS’s kindergarten through fifth grades are housed in private space (building K837, “K837”), located at 11 Bartlett Street, Brooklyn New York 11206. Its sixth through eighth grades are housed in building K148 (“K148”), located at 185 Ellery Street, Brooklyn, New York 11206, where it is co-located with a District 75 program, 75K373@K148, which serves students in grades nine through twelve. All three buildings are within the geographical confines of District 14. If this proposal is approved, beginning in the 2015-2016 school year, BwCCS students in grades kindergarten through five will no longer attend classes in at K837 and instead will attend classes at K157. K157 is located approximately 0.9 miles from BwCCS’s current private space, where its elementary school grades are housed. BwCCS has advised that it will not be able to operate in its private space after the 2014-2015 school year due to financial and operational challenges. The re-siting of BwCCS’s grades kindergarten through five from its private space to K157 is intended to support the educational continuity of students enrolled in BwCCS. If approved, the re-siting will provide the opportunity for current and future BwCCS students in kindergarten through fifth grade to remain enrolled at the school at K157.

Building K157 also contains an adult education program (“79K755@K157”) administered by the Office of Adult and Continuing Education (“OACE”) for adults age 21 and over. OACE programs offer over 900 classes in Adult Basic Education, High School Equivalency, English for Speakers of Other Languages, and Career and Technical Education. OACE has requested that 79K755@K157 be re-sited from K157 to another location in Brooklyn in order to meet the demand for classes in other areas of the borough. As a result, beginning in the 2015-2016 school year, 79K755@K157 will be re-sited to another location in Brooklyn.

According to the 2013-2014 Enrollment, Capacity, Utilization Report (“Blue Book”), K157 has a

target capacity to serve 841 students. During regular school hours, the building serves approximately 542 students from P.S./I.S. 157 and 90 students from 79K755@K157 in the 2014-2015 school year, yielding an estimated building utilization rate of 75%. This means that the building is “under-utilized” and has space to accommodate additional students. If this proposal is approved, in 2015-2016, BwCCS will serve approximately 275-305 kindergarten through fifth grade students and P.S./I.S. 157 will serve approximately 481-571 students in grades kindergarten through eight and pre-kindergarten. At this point, K157 will no longer house 79K755@K157. K157 will have a projected utilization rate of 90%-104% in 2015-2016 and will have sufficient space to accommodate BwCCS and P.S./I.S. 157.

While the anticipated utilization rate of K157 is above 100%, P.S./I.S.157 and BwCCS will each receive space that meets all of their instructional needs. Thus, the DOE believes that K157 can serve P.S./I.S. 157’s kindergarten through eighth grade students and pre-kindergarten program as well as BwCCS’s kindergarten through fifth grade students, if this proposal is approved.

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

The Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) and Building Utilization Plan (“BUP”) can be found on the Department of Education’s website:

<http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2014-2015/March2015SchoolProposals>

Copies of the EIS and BUP are also available in the main offices of BwCCS and P.S./I.S. 157.

III. Submission of public comment regarding the proposal.

Written comments can be submitted via email to: D14Proposals@schools.nyc.gov.

Oral comments can be left by phone at 212-374-0208.

IV. The name, office, address, e-mail address and telephone number of the city district representative knowledgeable on proposal from whom information may be obtained concerning the proposal.

Name: Greg Whitten
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Address: 52 Chambers Street, New York, NY 10007
Email: D14Proposals@schools.nyc.gov
Phone: 212-374-0208

V. Date, time and place of the joint public hearing for this proposal.

March 10, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.
Building K157
850 Kent Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11205

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.

VII. Date, time and place of the PEP meeting at which the PEP will vote on the proposal.

March 25, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.
Murray Bergtraum High School
411 Pearl Street
New York, NY 10038