



Amended Notice
November 8, 2010

Joel I. Klein
Chancellor

The Proposed Temporary Re-siting and Co-location of a Portion of One Grade Level of an Existing School, P.S. 16 (24Q016), with an Existing School, Pioneer Academy (24Q307) and a D75 School, P255Q, in Building Q260 for the 2010-11 School Year

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

P.S. 16 (24Q016, "P.S. 16") is an existing elementary school located at 41-15 104th Street, Queens, NY, 11369, in Community School District 24, in building Q721 ("Q721"). It currently serves students in Kindergarten through fifth grade. On October 1, 2010, the New York City Department of Education ("DOE") published an educational impact statement ("EIS") describing a proposal to implement a temporary "re-siting" of some P.S. 16 classes into building Q260 ("Q260"), at 40-20 100th Street, Queens, NY, 11368, where these students will be "co-located" with Pioneer Academy (24Q307, "Pioneer Academy"), an existing elementary school and a D75 school, P255Q ("P255Q"), for the 2010-2011 school year. Pioneer Academy currently serves students in Kindergarten through third grade and offers a pre-Kindergarten program. P255Q currently serves students with autism in Kindergarten through second grade. On November 8, 2010, the DOE published an amended EIS, which includes additional background information, but which does not revise or modify the proposal itself. The amended EIS contains additional information regarding P.S. 16's provision of English Language Learning programming, and clarifies data concerning the percentage of P.S. 16's students who are eligible for free or reduced price lunches.

Several elementary schools in the Corona, Queens neighborhood of District 24 currently enroll more students than their target capacity levels. P.S. 16, in particular, is quite overcrowded. During the 2009-2010 school year, high kindergarten enrollment at P.S. 16 resulted in average kindergarten class sizes which were one student over the UFT contracted class-size limit.

Where possible, the DOE aims to utilize available space in other local school buildings to alleviate overcrowding. Pioneer Academy is a new elementary school in Corona that is currently in the process of phasing in one grade per year in Q260, and which has underutilized space available for use by P.S. 16 during the current school year only.

On September 2, 2010, Schools Chancellor Joel I. Klein issued an emergency declaration implementing the temporary re-siting of a portion of P.S. 16's current fifth-grade class into

building Q260. On September 8, 2010, the first day of school, a total of five P.S. 16 fifth-grade homeroom sections, collectively enrolling approximately 150 students, reported to Q260. As a result, Q260 currently houses half of P.S. 16's fifth-grade students, as well as Pioneer Academy and P255Q. The temporary co-location of these P.S. 16 students into the building has resulted in a few logistical changes for the organizations in the building, but has not negatively impacted the students of Pioneer Academy or P255Q.

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

The Amended Educational Impact Statement can be found on the Department of Education's Web site:

<http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/11162010PEP>

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D24Proposals@schools.nyc.gov.

Oral comments can be left at 212-374-7621.

IV. The name, office, address, email and telephone number of the city district representative, knowledgeable on the item under consideration, from whom information may be obtained concerning the item.

Name: Gentian Falstrom
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V. Date, time and place of joint public hearings for this proposal.

November 8, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.
P.S. 16
41-15 104th Street
Corona, NY 11368

November 12, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.
Pioneer Academy/P255Q
40-20 100th Street
Corona, NY 11368

There will be no question and answer period. Questions about the proposal can 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 Panel for Educational Policy meeting at which the Panel will vote on the proposed item.

November 16, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.
Brooklyn Technical High School
29 Fort Greene Place
Brooklyn, NY 11217