



Notice  
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Chancellor

## **The Proposed Opening and Co-Location of a New Site of an Existing District 75 Program (75X168) with P.S. 160 Walt Disney (11X160) and The Equality Charter School (84X488) in Building X160 Beginning in 2013-2014**

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

The New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) is proposing to open and co-locate a new site of P168X (75X168, “P168X”), an existing District 75 program (“D75”), in building X160 (“X160”), to be called “P168X@X160.” Building X160 is located at 4140 Hutchinson River Parkway East, Bronx, NY 10475 in Community School District 11 (“District 11”). If this proposal is approved, P168X@X160 will be co-located with P.S. 160 Walt Disney (11X160, “P.S. 160”), an existing elementary school serving students in kindergarten through fifth grades, and The Equality Charter School (84X488, “Equality”), an existing public charter school serving students in sixth through eighth grades. A “co-location” means that two or more school organizations are located in the same building and may share common spaces like auditoriums, gymnasiums, and cafeterias.

Based on projected need, the D75 office is seeking to increase its capacity to serve students with autism and intellectual disabilities within the Bronx. If this proposal is approved, the DOE will open a new site for an existing D75 program in the 2013-2014 school year to help meet growing demand. P168X@X160 plans to serve a range of students across grades kindergarten through eight who are been classified as autistic or learning disabled on their Individualized Education Programs (“IEP”). P168X@X160 is projected to serve nine sections of elementary and middle school students in self-contained settings. Students will be placed in class sections based on their needs and recommended special education services, and may be served in this program throughout the course of their elementary and middle school education.

According to the 2011-2012 Enrollment, Capacity, Utilization Report (“Blue Book”), X160 has a target capacity of 889 students. (The concept of “target capacity” is explained below in Section II). During the 2012-2013 school year the building is serving 614 students, yielding a building utilization rate of 69%. This means that the building is “underutilized” and has space that could be used more efficiently to accommodate additional students. In 2013-2014, when P168X@X160 opens, it is projected that there will be 604-727 students served in X160, yielding a building utilization rate of 68%-82%.

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

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

<http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2012-2013/April2013Proposals.htm>

Copies of the EIS are also available in the main offices of P.S.160, Equality and the multiple site locations of P168X.

### **III. Submission of public comment.**

Written comments can be sent to [D11Proposals@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:D11Proposals@schools.nyc.gov).

Oral comments can be left at 212-374-5159.

### **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.**

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### **V. Date, time and place of joint public hearings for this proposal.**

April 3, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.  
Building X160  
4140 Hutchinson River Parkway East  
Bronx NY 10475

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 its start. Please reserve the scheduled date, time, and location in your calendars. Should the hearing scheduled for April 3, 2013 require rescheduling to accommodate the needs of the impacted School Leadership Teams or Community Education Council, the DOE will post notice here: <http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2012-2013/April2013Proposals.htm>.

### **VI. Date, time and place of the Panel for Educational Policy meeting at which the Panel will vote on the proposed item.**

April 17, 2013 at 6:00pm  
Prospect Heights Campus  
883 Classon Ave  
Brooklyn, NY 11225