



Notice
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Chancellor

The Proposed Temporary Re-siting and Co-Location of Two Grade Levels of P.S. 176 Cambria Heights (29Q176) with Existing School I.S. 59 Springfield Gardens (29Q059) in Building Q059 Beginning in the 2013-2014 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 temporarily re-site and co-locate grades four and five of P.S. 176 Cambria Heights (29Q176, “P.S. 176”), an existing elementary school, with I.S. 59 Springfield Gardens (29Q059, “I.S. 59”), an existing middle school in building Q059 (“Q059”), located at 132-55 Ridgedale Street, Queens, NY 11413, in Community School District 29 (“District 29”) for a three-year period beginning in the 2013-2014 school year. A “re-siting” means students will attend classes in a different building than the one students have attended in previous years, and a “co-location” means that two or more school organizations are located in the same building and may share common spaces like auditoriums, gymnasiums, libraries, and cafeterias.

P.S. 176 is a zoned elementary school that currently serves students in kindergarten through fifth grades and offers a pre-kindergarten program in main building Q176 (“Q176”) and its adjacent transportable classroom units (Q992, “TCUs”), located at 120-45 235th Street, Queens, NY 11411, in District 29. In late 2012, the School Construction Authority (“SCA”) approved the removal of P.S. 176’s TCUs following the 2012-2013 school year in conjunction with the construction of a permanent addition with the capacity to serve approximately 372 students. The construction of the addition is anticipated to take three years, during which the number of students that would have been housed in the TCUs would be re-sited to the Q059 building. Building Q176 is approximately 1.8 miles from building Q059. P.S. 176 will not need space in Q059 after the completion of building Q176’s addition.

I.S. 59 is a zoned middle school serving students in grades six through eight in building Q059. I.S. 59 would admit students for the 2014-2015 school year and beyond through the District 29 Middle School Choice process using an unscreened admissions method, with a priority to the Q059 zone.

As noted, this proposal only addresses P.S. 176’s fourth- and fifth-grade students. If this proposal is approved, P.S. 176’s fourth and fifth grades will be co-located with I.S. 59 in building Q059 for a three-year period starting in the 2013-2014 school year. During the three years of this proposal’s implementation, P.S. 176 will serve 230-250 fourth- and fifth-grade students in the

2013-2014, 2014-2015, and 2015-2016 school years. P.S. 176 will continue to serve pre-kindergarten through third-grade students in Q176 during this period. In the 2016-2017 school year, the fourth- and fifth-grade students of P.S. 176 will relocate to main building Q176 and its new addition scheduled to be completed by September 2016, where P.S. 176 will serve kindergarten through fifth grades thereafter. P.S. 176 will also continue to offer a pre-kindergarten program, subject to continued demand and the availability of funding.

Where possible, the DOE aims to utilize available space in other local school buildings to alleviate overcrowding or serve students during a temporary period of construction. Building Q059 has the capacity to serve 1,295 students. In 2012-2013, the building serves 575 students in sixth through eighth grades, yielding a utilization rate of 44%, indicating that the building is “underutilized” and has the capacity to accommodate additional students. If this proposal is approved, in 2013-2014, P.S. 176 and I.S. 59 will serve a total of 755-805 students in building Q059, yielding a building utilization rate of 58%-62%. In 2014-2015 and in 2015-2016, P.S. 176 and I.S. 59 will serve a total of 695-745 students in building Q059. This yields a projected target utilization rate of 54%-58%. Therefore, building Q059 has sufficient space to accommodate both schools during the period of this proposal.

This proposal is contingent on the completion of the P.S. 176 addition by September 2016. As noted, currently, the DOE plans to move P.S. 176’s students to the new permanent site adjacent to building Q176 after the 2015-2016 school year. If P.S. 176’s addition is not ready at that time, the DOE would issue a separate EIS describing an alternate siting plan for P.S. 176’s fourth- and fifth-grade students.

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

The Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) 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. 176 and I.S. 59.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D29Proposals@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.

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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 Q176
120-45 235th Street,
Queens, NY 11411

And

April 10, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.
Building Q059
132-55 Ridgedale Street,
Queens, NY 11413

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

Speaker sign-up will begin 30 minutes before each 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.

April 17, 2013 at 6:00pm

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