



Notice  
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Chancellor

## **The Proposed Co-Location of a District 79 program (79M645) with Existing Schools Holcombe L. Rucker School of Community Research (08X332) and Banana Kelly High School (08X530) in Building X039 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 a new site for an existing District 79 program, The School of Cooperative Technical Education (79M645, “Co-op Tech”), in building X039 (“X039”), located at 965 Longwood Avenue, Bronx, NY 10459 in Community School District 8 (“District 8”) beginning in the 2013-2014 school year. If this proposal is approved, Co-op Tech will be co-located in building X039 with Holcombe L. Rucker School of Community Research (08X332, “Holcombe L. Rucker”) and Banana Kelly High School (08X530, “Banana Kelly”), two existing district high schools serving students in grades nine through twelve.

As part of District 79 Alternative Schools and Programs, Co-op Tech provides part-time programming in which students receive rigorous technical instruction combined with meaningful career development opportunities and support services. Co-op Tech offers Career and Technical Education (“CTE”) classes, industry-recognized assessments and certifications, and work-based learning opportunities. Co-op Tech’s shared instructional model allows students to attend an academic program for a half- day at the school in which he or she is enrolled and attend Co-op Tech’s CTE classes for the other half of the day. All students participating in Co-op Tech’s program remain on register at their home school and will receive their diploma from their home school, provided they satisfy the applicable graduation requirements.

Co-op Tech serves a vast array of students, many of whom face significant obstacles, need additional supports to succeed in their current academic setting, or require alternative pathways to attain a high school or General Educational Development (“GED”) diploma. Aged 16 to 21, Co-op Tech students attend a wide range of secondary programs tailored to meet their individual needs. Students attend traditional high schools, GED programs, and/or drug treatment facilities. In addition, some students are re-entering the community from correctional and involuntary settings, possess an Individualized Education Program (“IEP”) or IEP diploma, or are post-graduates. The average length of participation for these students can vary from one semester to one year depending on their current educational plan.

According to the 2011-2012 Enrollment, Capacity, Utilization Report (“Blue Book”), X039 has a target capacity of 1,050 students. During the 2012-2013 school year the building is serving 710 students, yielding a building utilization rate of 68%. In 2013-2014, when Co-op Tech is co-located in building X039, it is projected that there will be 770-862 students served in X039, for a building utilization rate of 73%-82%.

### **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 Banana Kelly and Holcombe L. Rucker.

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

Written comments can be sent to [D08Proposals@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:D08Proposals@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 4, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.  
Building X039  
965 Longwood Avenue  
Bronx, NY, 10459

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.

### **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