



Notice
March 1, 2013

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Chancellor

The Proposed Closure of New Day Academy (12X245) at the End of the 2012-2013 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 close New Day Academy (12X245, “New Day”), an existing secondary school in building X158 (“X158”) located at 800 Home Street, Bronx, NY 10456, within the geographic confines of Community School District 12 (“District 12”). In February 2011, the Panel for Educational Policy (“PEP”) approved the phase-out of New Day based on the school’s poor performance and the DOE’s assessment that the school lacked the ability to improve quickly to better support student needs. That proposal can be found here: <http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2010-2011/Feb12011PEP.htm>. Pursuant to that proposal, New Day currently serves students in grades eight, eleven, and twelve. New Day was originally planned to serve only grade twelve in the 2013-2014 school year and was approved to close in June of 2014.

However, the DOE is now proposing to close New Day at the end of the 2012-2013 school year based on lower than anticipated student enrollment and demand from when the school was first proposed for phase-out. Under this proposal, currently enrolled middle school students on track to graduate will advance to high school as planned, while those students who do not meet promotional criteria at the end of the 2012-2013 school year will be provided with an alternate placement at another middle school for the 2013-2014 school year. Currently enrolled high school students on track to graduate at the end of the 2012-2013 school year, will not be impacted by this proposal. High school students currently enrolled at New Day who are not scheduled to graduate or who do not meet promotional criteria at the end of this year will be provided with an alternative placement at another high school for the 2013-2014 school year.

New Day is co-located with Bronx Latin (12X267, “Bronx Latin”), an existing secondary school currently serving students in grades six through twelve, Bronx Career and College Preparatory High School (12X479, “Bronx Career”), an existing high school serving students in grades nine through twelve, and Dr. Richard Izquierdo Health and Science Charter School (84X482, “Dr. Izquierdo Charter School”), a charter school currently serving students in grades six through eight, which is in the process of phasing in to serve students in grades sixth through twelve.

New Day is in its second year of phase-out. New Day no longer admits new sixth-grade students through the District 12 Middle School Choice Process or ninth-grade students through the High School Admissions Process. If this proposal is approved, New Day will close at the end of the 2012-2013 school year. The other schools located in X158 will continue to serve the grade levels

as planned and Dr. Izquierdo Charter School will continue adding additional grades until it reaches full scale.

There is sufficient capacity in middle schools throughout the district and high schools throughout the borough and City to accommodate students who might have attended New Day if it remained open until the completion of its phase-out in June 2014. If this proposal is approved, the Office of Student Enrollment will work with parents of current students at New Day to assess options to transfer to other middle and high schools in the Spring of 2013.

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 New Day, Bronx Latin, Bronx Career and College Preparatory High School, and Dr. Richard Izquierdo Health and Science Charter School.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D12Proposals@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 11, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.
800 Home Street
Bronx, NY 10456

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 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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833 Classon Avenue
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