



Notice
March 1, 2013

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Chancellor

The Proposed Temporary Re-siting and Co-location of a Portion of the Kindergarten of P.S. 143 Louis Armstrong (24Q143) with P.S. 330 (24Q330) in New Building Q287 for 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” a portion of the kindergarten grade of P.S. 143 Louis Armstrong (24Q143, “P.S.143”) in new building Q287 with P.S. 330 (24Q330, “P.S. 330”) for the 2013-2014 school year. P.S. 143 is an existing zoned elementary school that currently serves students in kindergarten through fifth grades in buildings Q143 (“Q143”), mini building Q843 (“Q843”), and Transportable Classroom Unit (“TCU”) Q937 at 34-74 113th Street in Queens, NY 11368, within the geographical confines of Community School District 24 (“District 24”). A portion of P.S. 143’s kindergarten and first grade is also currently located in leased building Q908 (“Transfiguration Annex”), which is located at 98-07 38th Avenue, Queens, NY 11368, also within the geographical confines of District 24. P.S. 330 currently serves students in kindergarten through second grades in building Q269 located at 86-37 53rd Avenue in Queens, NY 11373, also within the geographical confines of District 24. For the 2013-2014 school year, P.S. 330 will be “re-sited” to its permanent location, new building Q287 located at 111-08 Northern Boulevard in Queens, NY 11368, also within the geographical confines of District 24. A “re-siting” means students will attend classes in a different building than the one they have attended in previous years. 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.

The lease for the Transfiguration Annex will expire at the end of the 2012-2013 school year and a renewal on the lease has not been made available to the School Construction Authority (“SCA”). This proposed re-siting of a portion of the kindergarten of P.S. 143 to building Q287 is intended to recover a large portion of the kindergarten seats that will be lost due to the expiration of the 2-year lease for the Transfiguration Annex and to accommodate the continued growth in incoming kindergarten students in the community for the 2013-2014 school year.

Several elementary schools in the Corona neighborhood of District 24 in Queens currently enroll more students than their target capacity levels. P.S. 143, in particular, is already very overcrowded, and it will no longer be able to use the Transfiguration Annex at the end of the 2012-2013 school year. Where possible, the DOE aims to utilize available space in other local school buildings to alleviate overcrowding.

If this proposal is not implemented, building Q287 is expected to be underutilized in the 2013-2014 school year because P.S. 330 is not yet at full scale, and will only serve kindergarten through third grades in the 2013-2014 school year. P.S. 330 is phasing up one grade at a time to become a K-5 elementary school, and building Q287 has the space to accommodate P.S. 330 at full scale. Therefore, building Q287 has the space to accommodate a portion of the kindergarten of P.S. 143 for one year prior to P.S. 330 reaching full scale, and presents the opportunity to temporarily relieve overcrowding at P.S. 143 for the 2013-2014 school year. The DOE believes that this proposal is the best available solution for the 2013-2014 school year. Solutions to alleviate overcrowding at P.S. 143 beyond the 2013-2014 school year are not within the scope of this proposal.

On June 26, 2012, the Panel for Educational Policy (“PEP”) approved the proposed re-siting of P.S. 330 to new building Q287, and on June 26, 2012, Community Education Council 24 (“CEC 24”) voted to change the current zone for P.S. 143 and create a new zone for P.S. 330 when it moves into its long-term location in Q287. Beginning in 2013-2014, P.S. 330’s kindergarten through second grades will be re-sited from building Q269, where they are currently located, to building Q287, a new building that is expected to become available for use by September 2013. P.S. 330 will serve students in kindergarten through third grades in new building Q287 during the 2013-2014 school year.

According to the School Construction Authority (“SCA”), new building Q287 has the target capacity to serve a total of 420 students. If this proposal is approved, the projected enrollment in 2013-2014 of P.S. 143 at Q287 will be approximately 140-150 kindergarten students and the projected enrollment of P.S. 330 will be approximately 330-370 kindergarten through third grade students. This will result in a total projected building enrollment of 470-520 students, yielding a building utilization rate of 112% - 124%. Although a utilization rate in excess of 100% may suggest that a building will be over-utilized or over-crowded in a given year, this rate does not account for the fact that rooms may be programmed for more efficient or different uses than the standard assumptions in the utilization calculation, as described above.

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. 143 and P.S. 330.

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.

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

Thursday, April 11, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

P.S. 143
34-74 113th Street
Queens, NY 11368

Monday, April 8, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

P.S. 330

86-37 53rd Avenue

Queens, NY 11373

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.

Wednesday, April 17, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

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Brooklyn, NY 11225