The Proposed Re-siting and Co-Location of Medgar Evers College Preparatory School (17K590) to Building K455 with Boys and Girls High School (16K455), Research and Service High School (16K669), and Nelson Mandela High School (16K765) Beginning in the 2016-2017 School Year

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

On February 6, 2016, the New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) issued a proposal to re-site and co-locate Medgar Evers College Preparatory School (17K590, “Medgar Evers”) to building K455 (“K455”), beginning in the 2016-2017 school year with Boys and Girls High School (16K455, “Boys and Girls”), a district high school serving students in grades nine through twelve, Nelson Mandela High School (16K765, “Nelson Mandela”), a district high school that currently serves grades nine through ten, and will serve grades nine through twelve by the 2017-2018 school year, and Research and Service High School (16K669, “Research and Service”), a transfer high school serving students in grades nine through twelve. Medgar Evers currently serves students in grades six through twelve in building K590 (“K590”) and Transportable Classroom Unit (“TCU”), K880 (“K880”), located at 1186 Carroll Street, Brooklyn, NY 11225 in Community School District 17 (“District 17”), 2.1 miles from K455. K455, which is located at 1700 Fulton Street Brooklyn, NY 11213 in Community School District 16 (“District 16”), also houses a Young Adult Borough Center, a high school alternative program that is administered through District 79. If this proposal is approved, Medgar Evers will be re-sited to K455 where it will be co-located with Nelson Mandela, Research and Service, and Boys and Girls.

This second amended notice supersedes all notices issued prior to February 16, 2016. This second amended notice reflects a new Joint Public Hearing Date of March 16, 2016 to be held at Building K590, located at 1186 Carroll Street, Brooklyn, NY 11225. On February 9, 2016 the DOE amended the Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) to reflect the correct projected enrollment and utilization chart for K455 which was listed incorrectly in the original EIS. Additionally, this amended EIS reflects a correction of the re-siting cost of Medgar Evers from K590 to K455, in Section V of the amended EIS.

Medgar Evers is currently operating in K590 with less space than it should receive according to the Citywide Instructional Footprint (“Footprint”). In addition, Medgar Evers is reliant on a TCU for gymnasium space. This proposed re-siting and co-location will allow Medgar Evers to receive its baseline Footprint allocation of space. If the proposal to re-site and co-locate Medgar Evers is approved, the school will be able to operate in contiguous space in K455 by the 2017-2018 school year.
Medgar Evers currently serves a large student population of approximately 1,200 students. In order to best position the school for a smooth transition from K590 and K880, the DOE is proposing that this re-siting and co-location occur in two phases. Phase one, beginning in the 2016-2017 school year, would result in the middle school grades of Medgar Evers being re-sited to K455 from K590, while the high school grades remain in K590. Phase two, which would begin in the 2017-2018 school year, would result in the high school grades of Medgar Evers being re-sited to K455 from K590. If this proposal is approved, beginning in the 2017-2018 school year, Medgar Evers would serve students in sixth through twelfth grades in K455 and would no longer serve students in K590.

K455 has the capacity to serve a total of 3,320 students. If this proposal is approved, in the 2016-2017 school year, Medgar Evers will serve a projected 290-320 students in sixth through eighth grades in K455 and 925-965 students in ninth through twelfth grades in K590. In the 2017-2018 school year Medgar Evers will serve 1,205-1,275 students in sixth through twelfth grades in K455. Based on the projected enrollments of Medgar Evers’ grades six through eight, Nelson Mandela, Boys and Girls, and Research and Service, K455 will have a total projected building enrollment of 1,160-1,300 students, yielding a projected building utilization rate of 35%-39% in the 2016-2017 school year, and 66%-71% in the 2017-2018 school year, once Medgar Evers’ high school grades are re-sited to K455.

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


Copies of the amended EIS are also available in the main office of all of the schools listed above.

III. Submission of public comment.

Members of the public who wish to provide comments are encouraged to attend the Joint Public Hearings for this proposal and share their feedback in person. Members of the public that do not provide comments at the hearing may also provide oral or written comments as described below. All comments must be submitted at least 24 hours in advance of the Panel for Educational Policy (“PEP”) meeting at which this proposal is subject to a vote in order to be mentioned in the Public Comment Analysis to be published and provided to the Panel the evening before the Panel votes.

Written comments can be sent to D16Proposals@schools.nyc.gov.

Oral comments can be left at 212-374-0208.

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 the Joint Public Hearings for this proposal:

March 9, 2016 at 6:00 PM  March 16, 2016 at 6PM
Building K455          Building K590
1700 Fulton Street     1186 Carroll Street
Brooklyn, NY 11213     Brooklyn, NY 11225

Speaker sign-up will begin 30 minutes before the hearing, at 5:30 PM, and will close 15 minutes after the start.

VI. Date, time and place of the PEP meeting at which the Panel will vote on the proposed item.

March 23, 2016 at 6:00 PM
Murry Bergtraum High School
411 Pearl Street
New York, NY 10038