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Dear West Side High School Families:

I am writing to share that the New York City Department of Education (NYCDOE) is proposing to re-site Edward A. Reynolds West Side High School (03M505), referred to as West Side High School, from building M506 to building M895 in the 2023-2024 school year. West Side High School is an existing transfer high school serving students in grades 9-12. West Side High School is located in building M506 at 140 West 102nd Street, New York, NY 10025 in Community School District 3, referred to as District 3. M506 also houses two existing multi-sited District 79 programs: Pathways to Graduation (79Q950), referred to as P2G, and Living for the Young Family Through Education (79M984), referred to as LYFE. M506 also houses the Community Based Organization (CBO) Goddard Riverside and the School-Based Health Center (SBHC) Ryan Health. M895 currently houses The Young Women's Leadership School (04M610), referred to as TYWLS, a district secondary school currently serving students in grades 6-12. M895 is located at 105 East 106th Street, New York, NY 10029 in Community School District 4, referred to as District 4, approximately 1.3 miles from M506.

What is the NYCDOE proposing?

The NYCDOE is proposing a re-siting. A re-siting means that part or all of a school will be moved to a different building than the building in which the school or part of the school has been located.

In a separate Educational Impact Statement (EIS), the NYCDOE is concurrently proposing to re-site TYWLS to building M506 beginning in the 2023-2024 school year (the concurrent proposal). If this proposal and the concurrent re-siting proposal are approved by the Panel for Education Policy (PEP), TYWLS will no longer be located in M895 beginning in the 2023-2024 school year. Additional information on the proposal to re-site TYWLS to M506 can be found on the NYCDOE's website at: <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/about-us/leadership/panel-for-education-policy>.

The implementation of this proposal to re-site West Side High School to M895 is contingent on the PEP approval of both this proposal and the concurrent proposal to re-site TYWLS to M506. These proposals will be voted on separately by the PEP. If both proposals are approved, West Side High School will be re-sited to M895 beginning in the 2023-2024 school year and will no longer serve students in M506 following the conclusion of the current 2022-2023 school year.

If this proposal and the concurrent proposal are approved by the PEP, what does this mean for my child(ren)?

- Beginning in the 2023-2024 school year, West Side High School will no longer serve students in M506 and will instead be re-sited and serve students in M895.
- A re-siting to M506 will locate West Side High School in proximity to a larger Spanish speaking population that would benefit from the Spanish dual-language programming that the school is in the process of adding. This proposal is not expected to otherwise impact West Side High School's admissions, programming, or extra-curricular activities.

- Since M895 is approximately 1.3 miles away from M506 located in District 4 instead of District 3, if this proposal is approved, some current and future West Side High School students may have to travel a longer distance to school, though others may have a shorter commute. Additionally, certain West Side High School students may have their eligibility for transportation impacted depending on where they reside in relation to M895, in accordance with Chancellor's Regulation A-801.
 - However, given that M895 and M506 have similar proximity to several of the same cross-town bus lines, and given M895's proximity to several subway lines, M895 will remain accessible to many current and future West Side High School students.
- Goddard Riverside will be re-sited to M895 for the 2023-2024 school year and will no longer occupy space in M506. It is anticipated that the P2G, LYFE, and the SBHC run by Ryan Health will remain in M506.
 - However, the NYCDOE will continue to explore options to provide health services to the West Side High School students in future years. It is anticipated that current and future West Side High School students will be able to utilize the SBHC remaining in M506.

Where can I learn more about this proposal?

This letter serves as notice that the EIS for this proposal has been posted on the NYCDOE's website at: <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/about-us/leadership/panel-for-education-policy/2022-2023-pages/april-19-2023-school-utilization-proposals>.

We encourage you to visit that website as we will update it with important dates and new information as it becomes available. Copies of the EIS for this proposal are also available in the main office of West Side High School.


How can I provide feedback?

This proposal must be voted on and approved by the PEP prior to implementation. We anticipate that the PEP will vote on this proposal on Wednesday, April 19, 2023 at 6 p.m. at The High School of Fashion Industries, located at 225 West 24th Street, New York, NY 10011.

In advance of the PEP vote, a Joint Public Hearing for this proposal will be held via teleconference on Tuesday, April 4, 2023. All community members will have the opportunity to share feedback about this proposal at the Joint Public Hearing, which will begin at 6 p.m.

Feedback on the proposal can also be directed at any time to Caitlin Whittemore in the NYCDOE's Office of District Planning by phone at 212-374-3466 or via e-mail at D04Proposals@schools.nyc.gov. The official Notice of Proposal and Joint Public Hearing are attached.

Sincerely,



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