

Notice of Joint Public Hearing for K333, K557, and K004

The Proposed Re-siting of Grades K-3 of Sunset Park Avenues Elementary School (15K516) from Building K333 to Building K557 Beginning in the 2023-2024 School Year

AND

The Proposed Opening and Temporary Co-location of a New District Middle School (15K964) with Sunset Park Avenues Elementary School (15K516) in Building K333 Beginning in the 2024-2025 School Year and Future Re-siting to Building K004 Beginning in the 2026-2027 School Year

A Joint Public Hearing will be held to provide the public with an opportunity to learn more about the above-referenced proposals and to present comments or concerns on these proposals. The date, time, and location of the hearing are as follows:

Date: Monday, January 23, 2023

Time: 6 p.m.

Where: Teleconference, <https://learndoe.org/districtplanning>.

This Joint Public Hearing will be an opportunity to learn more about potential changes to buildings K333, K557, and K004 and share feedback.

The New York City Department of Education (NYCDOE) is proposing to re-site grades K-3 and the pre-Kindergarten (pre-K) program of Sunset Park Avenues Elementary School (15K516), referred to as P.S. 516, an existing zoned elementary school serving students in grades K-5 and a pre-K program, from building K333 (K333) to new building K557 (K557) beginning in the 2023-2024 school year. A re-siting means that part or all of a school will be located in a different building than the building in which the school is currently located.

K333 is located at 4222 4th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11232 in Community School District 15, referred to as District 15. K333 houses P.S. 516 and the Community Based Organization (CBO) Center for Family Life in Sunset Park. K557 is a new NYCDOE building currently under construction and scheduled to be completed in advance of the 2023-2024 school year. If approved by the Panel for Educational Policy (PEP), this proposal will re-site grades K-3 and the pre-K program of P.S. 516 from K333 to K557 for the 2023-2024 school year and beyond. If this proposal is approved, grades 4 and 5 of P.S. 516 will continue to be served in K333. K557 is located at 4302 4th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11232, also in District 15, and is approximately 171 feet from K333.

The proposal was designed in collaboration with the P.S. 516 community who has strongly advocated for access to K557. The School Construction Authority (SCA) has designed K557 with facilities that include classrooms specifically designed for young children, a gymnasium, project room, and a rooftop play space, which P.S. 516 students do not currently have access to in K333. Based on P.S. 516's need for improved and expanded facilities, as well as the close proximity of K557 to K333, the NYCDOE is proposing to re-site grades K-3 and the pre-K program of P.S. 516 to K557.

The NYCDOE is concurrently proposing to open and temporarily co-locate a new district middle school (15K964), referred to as I.S. 964 in this proposal, in building K333 beginning in the 2024-25 school year, and to subsequently re-site the school to new building K004 (K004) beginning in the 2026-2027 school year. K004 is located at 4002 Fort Hamilton Parkway, Brooklyn, NY 11218, also in District 15, and is approximately 1.2 miles from K333. K004 is a new NYCDOE building currently under construction and scheduled to be completed in advance of the 2026-2027 school year. K004 is designed to house a middle school and includes designed District 75 seats.

If this proposal is approved, I.S. 964 will open and be temporarily co-located with P.S. 516 in K333 beginning in the 2024-2025 school year and will subsequently be re-sited to K004 beginning in the 2026-2027 school year. Before the end of the 2025-2026 school year, the NYCDOE anticipates issuing a proposal to open and co-locate a new site of an existing District 75 school in K004 with I.S. 964 in accordance with Chancellor's Regulation A-190.

Co-located means that two or more school organizations are located in the same building and may share common spaces, such as:

- Auditoriums;
- Gymnasiums;
- Libraries; and
- Cafeterias.

This proposal to open and temporarily co-locate I.S. 964 in K333 is contingent on the PEP's approval of the concurrent proposal to partially re-site P.S. 516 to K557. However, the proposal to partially re-site P.S. 516 to K557 is not contingent on the PEP's approval of this proposal to open and temporarily co-locate I.S. 964 in K333. If both proposals are approved, in the 2024-2025 school year, I.S. 964 will open and be temporarily co-located with grades 4 and 5 of P.S. 516. I.S. 964 will serve students in grade 6 in the 2024-2025 school year, and grades 6 and 7 in the 2025-2026 school year. If both proposals are approved, beginning in the 2026-2027 school year, I.S. 964 will be re-sited to K004 where it will serve grades 6-8.

For further information about these proposals, please see the Educational Impact Statements (EISs), which are available in the main office of P.S. 516, as well as on the PEP website at: <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/about-us/leadership/panel-for-education-policy/2022-2023-pages/february-09-2022-school-utilization-proposals>.

You can sign up to speak at the Joint Public Hearing starting at 5:30 p.m. Speaker sign-up will close 15 minutes after the hearing begins.

Access the teleconference Joint Public Hearing online here: <https://learndoe.org/districtplanning/>.

Before the hearing, you may visit the following website to confirm you are able to join the teleconference on your equipment: <https://learndoe.org/districtplanning/tech-check/>.

If you are unable to attend the Joint Public Hearing through the above link, you may call in directly:

- To participate in English, dial 929-205-6099 (Toll Free) and enter meeting ID: 832-2076-6495#.

This Joint Public Hearing will also offer live interpretation in Spanish:

- To participate in Spanish, dial 877-853-5257 (Toll Free) and enter meeting ID: 841-1027-8066#.

- To participate in Mandarin, dial 877-853-5257 (Toll Free) and enter meeting ID: 856-2840-3669#.

These proposals must be voted on and approved by the PEP prior to implementation. In addition to the Joint Public Hearing, you may also share comments about these proposals by leaving a voicemail at 212-374-0208 or emailing D15Proposals@schools.nyc.gov.

All comments received at least 24 hours in advance of the PEP meeting at which these proposals are subject to a vote will be included in the Public Comment Analysis, which will be made available on the NYCDOE website after 6 p.m. on the day before the PEP vote. The PEP is expected to vote on these proposals on Thursday, February 9, 2023 at 6 p.m. at Prospect Heights Educational Campus, located at 883 Classon Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11225. For further information about how to access this meeting, visit the PEP website at <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/about-us/leadership/panel-for-education-policy>.

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