

Notice of Joint Public Hearings

January 9, 2020

The Proposed Temporary Partial Re-siting of P.S. 85 Judge Charles Vallone (30Q085) from Building Q085 to Building Q070 and Co-location with P.S. 70 (30Q070) Beginning in the 2020-2021 School Year

The New York City Department of Education (NYCDOE) is proposing to temporarily re-site a portion of P.S. 85 Judge Charles Vallone (30Q085), referred to as P.S. 85, an existing zoned district elementary school serving students in grades K-5 and in a pre-Kindergarten (pre-K) program, to building Q070 for a three year period beginning in the 2020-2021 school year. P.S. 85 is currently located in building Q085 and also occupies Transportable Classroom Units (TCUs) Q981, a set of four TCUs. Q085 and its TCUs are located at 23-70 31st Street, Queens, NY 11105 in Community School District 30, referred to as District 30. Building Q070 currently houses P.S. 70 (30Q070), an existing zoned district elementary school serving students in grades K-5 and in a pre-K program. If approved, this proposal will temporarily co-locate P.S. 85's kindergarten with P.S. 70 in Q070. Q070 is located at 30-44 43rd Street, Queens, NY 11103, also in District 30, which is approximately 1 mile from Q085. Q070 also houses the community-based organization (CBO) the Boys and Girls Club of America.

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. A co-location 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.

Currently, Q085 has a utilization rate of 138%. The New York City School Construction Authority (SCA) has determined that construction of an annex to Q085 is feasible using the land currently occupied by P.S. 85's TCUs. This proposal seeks to temporarily re-site a portion of P.S. 85 from building Q085 to building Q070 at the start of the 2020-2021 school year. If approved, this proposal will facilitate the removal of P.S. 85's TCUs, enabling the SCA to construct an annex that would create additional capacity for Q085 in order to help alleviate overutilization and improve the school's learning environment.

If this proposal is approved by the Panel for Educational Policy (PEP), P.S. 85 will be partially re-sited to Q070 for the 2020-2021, 2021-2022, and 2022-2023 school years, where it will be temporarily co-located with P.S. 70. In the 2023-2024 school year, once construction of the annex is anticipated to be complete, P.S. 85 is expected to return to serving all grades in Q085 and the new annex.

For further information about this proposal, please see the EIS, which is available in the main offices of P.S. 85 and P.S. 70, and on the main page of the website of the PEP website at: <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/about-us/leadership/panel-for-education-policy/2019-2020-pages/february-26-2020-school-utilization-proposals>.

Joint public hearings will be held to provide the public with an opportunity to present comments or concerns on the proposal. The hearings will be held as follows:

Date: February 10, 2020

Time: 6 p.m.

Where: Building Q085: 23-70 31st Street, Queens, NY 11105



Date: February 12, 2020

Time: 6 p.m.

Where: Building Q070: 30-44 43rd Street, Queens, NY 11103

Members of the public who wish to provide comments are encouraged to attend these hearings and share their feedback in person. Sign up for public comment will begin at 5:30 p.m. and close 15 minutes following the start of the hearings. Public comments will be limited to two minutes.

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Members of the public may also provide oral or written comments on the proposal at any time by calling 212-374-7621, or emailing D30proposals@schools.nyc.gov.

All comments received at least 24 hours in advance of the PEP meeting at which this proposal is subject to a vote will be included in the Public Comment Analysis. The PEP is expected to vote on this proposal on February 26, 2020 at 6 p.m. at M.S. 131, located at 100 Hester Street, New York, NY 10002.