



52 Chambers Street
New York, NY 10007

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Dear P.S. 85 Judge Charles Vallone Families:

As you know, P.S. 85 Judge Charles Vallone (P.S. 85) is an existing zoned District 30 elementary school serving students in grades K-5 and in a pre-K program. P.S. 85 is located in building Q085 at 23-70 31st Street, Queens, NY 11105. P.S. 85 also utilizes Transportable Classroom Units (TCUs) Q981.

I am writing to share that the New York City Department of Education (NYCDOE) is proposing to temporarily re-site the kindergarten sections of P.S. 85 to building Q070, located at 30-44 43rd Street, Queens, NY 11103, where it will be co-located with P.S. 70 for three years beginning in the 2020-2021 school year.

What is the NYCDOE proposing?

The NYCDOE is proposing a temporary partial re-siting and co-location. A re-siting means that part or all of the school will be located in a different building than the building in which the school is currently located. In this situation, a portion of P.S. 85 would be temporarily 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, building Q085 has a utilization rate of 138%. The New York City School Construction Authority (SCA) has determined that construction of an annex at 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 addition that would alleviate overutilization at Q085.

If this proposal is approved, the NYCDOE will begin removal of TCUs Q981 and construction of the building addition at the start of the 2020-2021 school year. Beginning in the 2020-2021 school year, students in kindergarten will be re-sited to building Q070 and co-located with P.S. 70. P.S. 85 will continue to serve students in grades 1-5 and a pre-K program in building Q085 throughout the duration of the construction. In the 2023-2024 school year, once construction of the addition is complete, P.S. 85 is expected to return to serving all grades in Q085.

This proposal must be voted on and approved by the Panel for Educational Policy (PEP) prior to implementation.

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

- Beginning in the 2020-2021 school year, kindergarten sections of P.S. 85 will be temporarily re-sited from Q085 to Q070. Q070 is located approximately one mile away from Q085.
- Some future P.S. 85 kindergarten students may have to travel a longer distance to school, while others may have a shorter commute beginning in the 2020-2021 school year.



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- Certain future P.S. 85 kindergarten students may have their eligibility for transportation impacted depending on where they reside in relation to Q070, in accordance with Chancellor's Regulation A-801. The Office of Pupil Transportation will make the final determination as to the mode of transportation to be provided to each student.
- P.S. 85 will continue to serve students in grades 1-5 and a pre-K program in Q085.
- Future P.S. 85 kindergarten students who are re-sited to Q070 will be served exclusively in Q070 during the regular school day and will not be expected to travel to Q085 for instructional programming.
- The NYCDOE does not anticipate that the temporary partial re-siting of P.S. 85 will impact its current or future student admissions, instructional or extracurricular programming. While the enrollment of P.S. 85 is not expected to be impacted throughout the duration of this proposal, in future years, the enrollment of P.S. 85 may increase as the addition to building Q085 will provide additional elementary school seats.

Where can I learn more about this proposal?

This letter serves as notice that the Educational Impact Statement (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/2019-2020-pages/february-26-2020-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 offices of P.S. 85 and P.S. 70.

Questions about the proposal can be directed to Rebecca Lichtenstein in the NYCDOE's Office of District Planning by phone at 212-374-7621 or via e-mail at D30proposals@schools.nyc.gov.

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 February 26, 2020 at 6 p.m. at M.S. 131, located at 100 Hester Street, New York, NY 10002. Feedback about this proposal may be shared at the February 26th PEP meeting.

In advance of the PEP vote, Joint Public Hearings for this proposal will be held in building Q085 on Monday, February 10, 2020 at 6 p.m. and in building Q070 on Wednesday, February 12 at 6 p.m. All community members will have the opportunity to share feedback about this proposal at the Joint Public Hearings. Feedback about this proposal may also be shared at any time by e-mailing D30proposals@schools.nyc.gov or by calling 212-374-7621.

The official Notice of Proposal and Joint Public Hearings is attached.

Sincerely,

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