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Dear Fairmont Neighborhood School Families:

I am writing to share that the New York City Department of Education (NYCDOE) has issued two proposals concerning building X050.

As you know, Fairmont Neighborhood School (12X314), referred to as Fairmont, is a zoned district elementary school serving students in grades K-5 and pre-Kindergarten (pre-K) and 3-K programs, and is currently co-located in X050 with Samara Community School (12X458), referred to as Samara, a non-zoned district elementary school serving students in grades K-5 and a pre-K program. X050 is located at 1550 Vyse Avenue, Bronx, NY 10460, in Community School District 12, and also houses the community-based organization Children's Aid.

In one proposal, the NYCDOE is proposing to re-site Samara to new building X320 beginning in the 2022-2023 school year.

In a separate proposal, the NYCDOE is concurrently proposing to partially re-site and co-locate P186X@X140, an existing site of District 75 school P.S. X186 Walter J. Damrosch School (75X186), from building X140 to building X050 and to co-locate P186X@X140 in X050 with Fairmont Neighborhood School (12X314) beginning in the 2022-2023 school year. P.S. X186 is an existing multi-site District 75 school serving students in grades K-8 across six different locations in the Bronx.

If both proposals are approved, Samara will no longer be located in X050 beginning in the 2022-2023 school year, and Fairmont will be co-located with one site of P.S. X186, to be referred to as P186X@X050.

What is the NYCDOE proposing?

NYCDOE is proposing to re-site Samara in new building X320 beginning in the 2022-2023 school year. If this proposal is approved, Samara will no longer be located in X050 beginning in the 2022-2023 school year. In a separate Educational Impact Statement (EIS), the NYCDOE is concurrently proposing to partially re-site and co-locate P186X@X140 in building X050 beginning in the 2022-2023 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. 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

P186X@X140 serves students in grades K-5 and is currently housed in X140 and mini-school building X840 (collectively referred to as X140 throughout this proposal), located at 916 Eagle Avenue, Bronx,



NY 10456 in Community School District 8, referred to as District 8. P186X@X140 includes both a Special Class (SC) Program and an inclusion program with P.S. 140 The Eagle School (08X140) in X140. The NYCDOE is proposing to partially re-site the students served by P186X@X140. Specifically, if this proposal is approved, the students served by the SC program will be re-sited to X050 where they will be co-located with Fairmont, while the students served by the inclusion program will continue to be co-located with and partner with P.S. 140 in X140. X140 is approximately 1.6 miles away from X050.

The implementation of the proposal to re-site and co-locate P186X@X140's SC program in X050 with Fairmont is contingent on the Panel for Education Policy (PEP) approval of both proposals. However, the concurrent proposal to re-site Samara to X320 is not contingent on approval of the P186X@X140 re-siting proposal. These proposals will be voted on separately by the PEP. If both proposals are approved, P186X@X140's SC program will be re-sited and co-located with Fairmont in X050 beginning in the 2022-2023 school year. At that time, P186X@X140's SC sections in X050 will be referred to as P186X@X050. Following the conclusion of the current 2021-2022 school year, P186X@X140 will no longer serve SC students in X140. The inclusion program will remain in X140 and continue to be known as P186X@X140. This proposal is not expected to impact the other five P.S. X186 sites, if approved.

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

- Beginning in the 2022-2023 school year, Fairmont will be the remaining district elementary school in X050 and all Samara students will be served in building X320.
- Beginning in the 2022-2023 school year, the SC program of P186X@X140 will be re-sited and co-located with Fairmont in X050 and will be known as P186X@X050.
- Beginning in the 2022-2023 school year, current Fairmont students who are not matriculating to middle school will share common spaces with P186X@X050 students. Students from both schools will have valuable opportunities to collaborate.
- Fairmont will continue to serve students in grades K-5 and in pre-K and 3-K in X050. The NYCDOE does not anticipate that either proposal will impact current or future student enrollment, admissions, or programming at Fairmont.

Where can I learn more about this proposal?

This letter serves as notice that the EIS for these proposals have been posted on the NYCDOE's website at: <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/about-us/leadership/panel-for-education-policy/2021-2022-pages/march-23-2022-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 Fairmont.

How can I provide feedback?

In advance of the PEP vote, a Joint Public Hearing for this proposal will be held via teleconference on Monday, February 28, 2022 at 6 p.m. All community members will have the opportunity to share feedback about this proposal at the Joint Public Hearing.



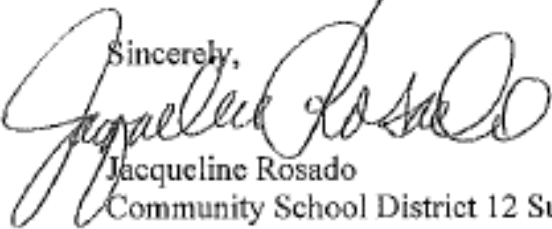
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This proposal must be voted on and approved by the PEP prior to implementation. We anticipate that the PEP will vote on this proposal on Wednesday, March 23, 2022 at 6 p.m. via teleconference at <https://learndoe.org/pep/mar23/>. Feedback about this proposal may be shared at the March 23 PEP meeting.

Feedback on this proposal can also be directed at any time to Moumita Zaman in the NYCDOE's Office of District Planning by phone at 212-374-5159 or via e-mail at D12Proposals@schools.nyc.gov.

The official Notice of Proposal and Joint Public Hearing are attached.

Sincerely,

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