

## Notice of Joint Public Hearing for M060

### The Proposed Re-siting of Grades 1-4 of Girls Preparatory Charter School of New York: Lower East Side (84M330) from Building M188 to Building M060 and Co-location with East Side Community School (01M450) for the 2023-2024 School Year

A Joint Public Hearing will be held to provide the public with an opportunity to learn more about the above-referenced proposal and to present comments or concerns on the proposal. 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 building M060 and share feedback.

The New York City Department of Education (NYCDOE) is proposing to re-site grades 1-4 of Girls Prep Charter School of New York: Lower East Side (84M330), referred to as Girls Prep Lower East Side, from building M188 to building M060 for the 2023-2024 school year. Girls Prep Lower East Side currently serves students in grades 5-8 in M060 and serves students in grades K-4 and a pre-Kindergarten (pre-K) program in M188.

Girls Prep Lower East Side is currently co-located in M060 with East Side Community School (01M450), referred to as East Side, an existing district secondary school serving students in grades 6-12. M060 is located at 420 East 12<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY 10009 in Community School District 1, referred to as District 1. M060 also houses Community-Based Organization (CBO) The Beacon Program: University Settlement.

Girls Prep Lower East Side is co-located in M188 with P.S. 188 The Island School (01M188), referred to as P.S. 188, a district school serving students in grades K-8 and in a pre-K program, and one site of an existing multi-sited District 75 school, P.S. M094 (75M094), serving students in grades 6-12. M188 is located at 442 East Houston Street, New York, NY 10002, also in District 1, and is approximately 0.9 miles from M060.

A re-siting means that part or all of a school will be located in a different building than the building in which it 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.

Due to low and declining enrollment and demand, Girls Prep Lower East Side has decided to close at the conclusion of the 2023-2024 school year. For the school's final year, Girls Prep Lower East Side will cease to enroll new pre-K and kindergarten cohorts, and the new grade span will be grades 1-8. Girls Prep Lower East Side has requested to re-site grades 1-4 from M188 to M060 for the 2023-2024 school year to focus its resources exclusively on operating one site in order to facilitate a smooth and supportive transition for students, families, and staff.

As such, if this proposal is approved, in the 2023-2024 school year, Girls Prep Lower East Side will serve students in grades 1-8 in M060 where it will be co-located with East Side and will no longer serve students in M188. At the conclusion of the 2023-2024 school year, Girls Prep Lower East Side will close and will no longer serve students in M060.

For further information about this proposal, please see the Educational Impact Statement (EIS) and Building Utilization Plan (BUP), which are available in the main offices of East Side and Girls Prep Lower East Side. These are also available on the Panel for Educational Policy (PEP) website at: <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/about-us/leadership/panel-for-education-policy/2022-2023-pages/february-15-2023-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: 883-0721-2742#.

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

- To participate in Spanish, dial 833-548-0276 and enter meeting ID 831-9118-7638#.

This proposal 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 the proposal by leaving a voicemail at 212-374-3466 or via e-mail at [D01Proposals@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:D01Proposals@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, which will be made available on the NYCDOE website after 6 p.m. the day before the PEP vote. The PEP is expected to vote on this proposal on Wednesday, February 15, 2023, at 6 p.m. at The High School of Fashion Industries, located at 225 West 24th Street, New York, NY 10011. 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>.