

## Notice of Joint Public Hearing for X655

### The Proposed Re-siting and Merger of School for Tourism and Hospitality (08X559) with Health, Education, and Research Occupations High School (07X259) in Building X655 Beginning in the 2021-2022 School Year

A Joint Public Hearing will be held to provide the public with an opportunity to present comments or concerns on the proposal. The date, time, and location of the hearing are as follows:

**Date:** Monday, April 19, 2021

**Time:** 6 p.m.

**Where:** Teleconference, <http://www.learn DOE.org/odp/>.

This Joint Public Hearing will be an opportunity to learn more about potential changes to buildings X650 and X655 and share feedback.

The New York City Department of Education (NYCDOE) is proposing to re-site and merge School for Tourism and Hospitality (08X559), referred to as HSTH, with Health, Education, and Research Occupations High School (07X259), referred to as HERO High, in building X655 beginning in the 2021-2022 school year. Both HSTH and HERO High are district high schools serving students in grades 9-12 and offering admissions to Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs. HERO High also offers an Early College program that gives eligible students in the twelfth grade who have finished their high school graduation requirements the option of staying for a fifth and sixth 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 merger means that two or more existing school organizations are combined into one school to operate and serve students more effectively. Proposals for mergers seek to improve learning environments by combining the strengths and best practices of both schools and distributing resources to reinforce academic enrichment opportunities, interventions, and other supports.

HERO High is currently housed in X655, located at 455 Southern Boulevard, Bronx, NY 10455 in Community School District 7, referred to as District 7. HERO High is co-located in X655 with Mott Haven Community High School (07X557), referred to as Mott Haven, a transfer high school serving students in grades 9-12, New Visions Charter High School for the Humanities II (84X208), referred to as HUM II, a charter high school serving grades 9-12, and a site of ReStart Academy (79M373), referred to as ReStart, which serves students in grades 6-8. X655 also houses the Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) Single Shepherd, East Side House Settlement, and Hostos Community College.

HSTH is currently housed in building X650, located at 900 Tinton Avenue, Bronx, NY 10456, approximately 0.9 miles from X655, in Community School District 8, referred to as District 8. HSTH is co-located in X650 with New Visions Charter High School for Advanced Math and Science II (84X202), referred to as AMS II, a charter high school serving grades 9-12 and operated by the same network as HUM II. X650 also currently houses a Living for the Young Family through Education program (79M984), referred to as LYFE, a School-Based Health Clinic (SBHC), and the CBO BuildOn. X650 has previously housed an Alternate Learning Center (88X993), referred to as ALC – Jane Addams, which will no longer be located in X650.

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.

If this proposal is approved, HSTH and HERO High will be combined such that the students, staff, and resources of HSTH will become a part of HERO High in X655 as described further in this Educational Impact Statement (EIS), and HSTH will no longer exist as a distinct school option as of the 2021-2022 school year. The merged HERO High will continue to serve students in grades 9-12, provide CTE programming, and offer its Early College program to eligible students who finish their high school graduation requirements, are college-ready in math and English, and opt to stay for a fifth and sixth year.

Concurrent with this proposal, HUM II will relocate out of X655 over a two-year period. HUM II will relocate to X650, where it will be sited alongside AMS II and will utilize the space that will be available after HSTH re-sites and merges with HERO High if this proposal is approved. Grades 9-10 of HUM II will relocate in 2021-2022, and grades 11-12 will follow in 2022-2023. As such, if this proposal is approved, in the 2021-2022 school year, HUM II will serve only students in grades 11 and 12 in X655. Beginning in the 2022-2023 school year, HUM II will no longer serve students in X655.

For further information about this proposal, please see the Educational Impact Statement (EIS) and Building Plan Utilization (BUP), which are available on the Panel for Educational Policy (PEP) website at: <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/about-us/leadership/panel-for-education-policy/2020-2021-pages/april-28-2021-school-utilization-proposals>.

Due to the impact of COVID-19, this Joint Public Hearing will be held via teleconference. 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/odp/>.

Before the hearing, you may visit the following website to confirm you are able to join the teleconference on your equipment: <https://learndoe.org/odp/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: 882 7988 1728 #.

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

- To participate in Spanish, dial 888-475-4499 (Toll Free) and enter meeting ID: 674 052 0976 #.

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 212-374-5159 or emailing [D07Proposals@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:D07Proposals@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 April 28, 2021 at 6 p.m. via teleconference at: <https://learndoe.org/pep/apr28/>.