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Dear P.S./M.S. 47 Chris Galas families:

On January 9, 2020, the New York City Department of Education (NYCDOE) issued a proposal to temporarily re-site P.S./M.S. 47 Chris Galas (27Q047), referred to as P.S./M.S. 47, to building Q593 for a two-year period beginning in the 2020-2021 school year. As you are likely aware, P.S./M.S. 47 is an existing zoned District 27 school serving students in grades K-8 and in pre-K and 3-K programs. P.S./M.S. 47 is currently located at 9 Power Road, Queens, NY 11693 in building Q047. This proposal was approved by the Panel for Educational Policy (PEP) on February 26, 2020.

I am writing to share that the NYCDOE is now revising the proposal as a result of the impact of COVID-19 on the construction projects. Due to the unprecedented impact of COVID-19, school construction projects were put on pause, including the work necessary to ready Q593 for the proposed re-siting of P.S./M.S. 47, the demolition of Q047, and the construction of the new replacement building, to be known as Q343. While these projects are now un-paused, the extended pause caused a delay in opening timelines. Q593 is now anticipated to be ready for occupancy by February 2021, and Q343 is now anticipated to be complete by September 2023. If this revised proposal is approved by the PEP, P.S./M.S. 47 will be re-sited to Q593 after the Midwinter Recess, which is scheduled to conclude on February 19, 2021, through the 2022-2023 school year. Q593 is located at 140 Beach 112th Street, Queens, NY 11694, also in District 27.

What is the NYCDOE proposing?

The NYCDOE is proposing a temporary re-siting of P.S./M.S. 47. 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. The New York City School Construction Authority (SCA) has determined it is feasible to construct a replacement building for P.S./M.S. 47 to provide the school with a new facility with additional amenities and increased capacity, improving the school's learning environment. Due to the current condition of Q047, which previously experienced extensive storm damage, Q047 needs to be demolished in its entirety in order to facilitate construction of the new building. Therefore, the NYCDOE is proposing to temporarily re-site P.S./M.S. 47 to allow for the construction of the new replacement building Q343 on the land currently occupied by Q047. Q343 is expected to be ready for occupancy by the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year.

If this revised proposal is approved, P.S./M.S. 47 will be re-sited to Q593 after the Midwinter Recess, which is scheduled to conclude on February 19, 2021, through the 2022-2023 school year. Building Q593 is located approximately 2.7 miles from Q047. In the 2023-2024 school year, when construction is expected to complete, P.S./M.S. 47 will serve all its students in Q343.

This revised proposal must be voted on and approved by the PEP prior to implementation.

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

- P.S./M.S. 47 will be temporarily re-sited from Q047 to Q593 for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year, and for the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school years. Q593 is located approximately 2.7 miles away from Q047.

- In the 2023-2024 school year, when construction of new building Q343 is expected to be complete, P.S./M.S. 47 will serve all its students in Q343.
- Certain future P.S./M.S. 47 students may have their eligibility for transportation impacted depending on where they reside in relation to Q593, in accordance with Chancellor's Regulation A-801.
- The NYCDOE does not anticipate that the temporary re-siting of P.S./M.S. 47 will impact its current or future student admissions, instructional or extracurricular programming. While the enrollment of P.S./M.S. 47 is not expected to be impacted throughout the duration of this proposal, in future years, the enrollment of P.S./M.S. 47 may increase as new building Q343 will provide additional elementary school capacity.

Where can I learn more about this proposal?

This letter serves as notice that the revised 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/2020-2021-pages/january-27-2021-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 revised proposal are also available in the main office of P.S./M.S. 47.

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 D27proposals@schools.nyc.gov.

How can I provide feedback?

This revised proposal must be voted on and approved by the PEP prior to implementation. We anticipate that the PEP will vote on this revised proposal on January 27, 2021 at 6 p.m. via teleconference at <https://learndoe.org/pep/jan27/>. Feedback about this proposal may be shared at the January 27th PEP meeting.

In advance of the PEP vote, a Joint Public Hearing for this proposal will be held via teleconference on Monday, January 11, 2021 at 6 p.m. All community members will have the opportunity to share feedback about this proposal at the Joint Public Hearing. Feedback about this proposal may also be shared at any time by e-mailing D27proposals@schools.nyc.gov or by calling 212-374-7621.

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

Sincerely,



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