

Notice of Joint Public Hearing

The Proposed Grade Expansion of P.S. 105 Senator Abraham Bernstein (11X105) from a K-5 School to a K-8 School and the Opening and Co-location of P596X@X105, a New Site of Existing District 75 School P.S. X596 (75X596), with P.S. 105 Senator Abraham Bernstein (11X105) in Building X105 Beginning in the 2025-2026 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: Wednesday, November 13, 2024

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 X105 and share feedback.

The New York City Department of Education (NYCDOE) is proposing to expand the grades served by P.S. 105 Senator Abraham Bernstein (11X105), referred to as P.S. 105, beginning in the 2025-2026 school year. P.S. 105 is a district elementary school currently serving students in grades K-5 as well as in 3-K and pre-Kindergarten (pre-K) programs in X105. Additionally, the NYCDOE is proposing to open and co-locate a new K-8 site of an existing District 75 school, P.S. X596 (75X596), to be called P596X@X105, with P.S. 105 in X105 in the 2025-2026 school year. P.S. X596 is an existing multi-sited District 75 school serving students in grades K-8 and in pre-K across three different locations in the Bronx. X105 is located at 725 Brady Avenue, Bronx, NY 10462 in Community School District 11, referred to as District 11. X105 also houses the community-based organization Neighborhood Initiatives Development Corporation.

A building addition is currently being constructed at X105 that will increase seat capacity. This will allow P.S. 105 to expand and add middle school grades. This building addition will also provide capacity for much needed District 75 elementary and middle school seats in District 11 and the Bronx. The School Construction Authority anticipates construction to be completed before the beginning of the 2025-2026 school year.

If this proposal is approved by the Panel for Educational Policy (PEP), P.S. 105 will expand to serve grades K-8, as well as 3-K and pre-K programs. P.S. 105 will add sixth grade in 2025-2026 and will continue to phase in one grade per year until it serves grades K-8 in the 2027-2028 school year.

If this proposal is approved by the PEP, P596X@X105 will also open in X105 in the 2025-2026 school year where it will be co-located with P.S. 105. A co-location means that two or more school organizations are located in the same building and may share common spaces, such as auditoriums, cafeterias, gymnasiums, and libraries.

P596X@X105 will have space to serve students in K-8, pending demand, but will initially serve students in elementary school grades. P596X@X105 is projected to serve students in eight special class sections in

12:1:1, 8:1:1, and/or 6:1:1 classroom settings (ratio of students: teacher: paraprofessional) at scale. The preferred minimum size of individual District 75 sites is eight sections, which helps to ensure sustainability of individual sites. Placements at P596X@X105 will be determined consistent with current District 75 enrollment practices.

For further information about this proposal, please see the Educational Impact Statement, which is available in the main office of P.S. 105 as well as on the PEP website at: <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/get-involved/families/panel-for-education-policy/2024-2025-pages/january-28-2025-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 646-828-7666 (Toll Free) and enter Meeting ID: 161-887-7526#.

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

- To participate in Spanish, dial 646-964-1167 (Toll Free) and enter Meeting ID: 160-299-1091#.
- To participate in Arabic, dial 646-828-7666 (Toll Free) and enter Meeting ID: 160-007-2661#.

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 D11Proposals@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 Tuesday, January 28, 2025, at 6 p.m. at Evander Childs Educational Campus, located at 800 East Gun Hill Road, Bronx, NY 10467.

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>.

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