

Fourth Amended Public Notice
May 6, 2020

NOTE: This notice has been amended to include details regarding how and when members of the public may access and participate in the Panel for Educational Policy meeting at which this proposal will be voted on. Those details are contained in the first and final section of this notice.

**THE PROPOSED MERGER OF P.S. 212 (12X212) WITH URBAN SCHOLARS
COMMUNITY SCHOOL (12X463) IN BUILDING X198 BEGINNING IN THE 2020-2021
SCHOOL YEAR**

I. Description of the subject and purpose of the proposed item under consideration.

This notice has been amended a fourth time to reflect that, due to technical difficulties encountered at the Panel for Educational Policy Meeting (PEP) scheduled for April 29, 2020 at 6:00 PM, the regular public meeting of the PEP has been rescheduled to May 7, 2020 at 6:00 PM. This notice has been further amended to update the new link for the PEP vote teleconference to <https://learndoe.org/pep/may7/>.

No changes have been made to the original Educational Impact Statement (EIS) or Building Utilization Plan (BUP) for this proposal, posted by the New York City Department of Education (NYCDOE) on February 14, 2020.

The NYCDOE is proposing to merge P.S. 212 (12X212) with Urban Scholars Community School (12X463), referred to as Urban Scholars, beginning in the 2020-2021 school year. P.S. 212 and Urban Scholars are both existing district elementary schools serving students in grades K-5 and in pre-Kindergarten (pre-K) programs.

P.S. 212 and Urban Scholars are currently co-located in building X198, referred to as X198, which is located at 1180 Tinton Avenue, Bronx, NY 10456 in Community School District 12, referred to as District 12. Both schools are co-located in X198 with NYC Autism Charter School Bronx (84X587), referred to as NYCACS Bronx, an existing ungraded charter school that serves students diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). X198 also houses the community-based organization (CBO) East Side House Settlement.

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.

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.



If this proposal is approved, P.S. 212 and Urban Scholars will be combined such that students, staff, and resources of P.S. 212 will become a part of Urban Scholars in X198 as described further in the EIS, and P.S. 212 will no longer exist as a distinct school option as of the 2020-2021 school year. The merged Urban Scholars will continue to serve students in grades K-5 and is anticipated to continue to offer pre-K in X198. The merged Urban Scholars will continue to be co-located with NYCACS Bronx in X198, if this proposal is approved.

In addition, in a separate EIS, the NYCDOE is concurrently proposing to open and co-locate a new elementary site of the existing multi-sited District 75 School, P.S. X188 (75X188), to be called P188X@X198, in X198 beginning in the 2020-2021 school year. This proposal is not contingent on the PEP's approval of the proposal to open and co-locate P188X@X198 in X198; however, the proposal to open and co-locate P188X@X198 in X198 is contingent on the PEP's approval of this merger proposal.

This notice was originally amended on March 22, 2020 to reflect that the Joint Public Hearing previously scheduled for March 17, 2020 at X198 was rescheduled to take place on March 24, 2020 via teleconference.

This notice was amended a second time on April 13, 2020 to provide the updated format for the PEP meeting where this proposal will be voted on.

This notice was amended a third time on April 20, 2020 to reflect that the regular public meeting of the PEP, originally scheduled for April 22, 2020, had been rescheduled to April 29, 2020 at 6:00PM and to update the new link for the PEP vote teleconference.

II. Information regarding where the full text of the proposed item may be obtained.

The EIS and BUP are available in the main offices of P.S. 212, Urban Scholars, NYCACS Bronx, and P.S. X188, however, at this time, due to the impact of COVID-19, most school buildings are closed, with the exception of those providing essential services. The EIS and BUP continue to remain available on the main page of the website of the PEP at: <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/about-us/leadership/panel-for-education-policy/2019-2020-pages/april-22-2020-school-utilization-proposals>.

III. Information on how to submit oral or written comments regarding the proposed item.

Members of the public were given the opportunity to provide comments at the Joint Public Hearing, which was held on March 24, 2020 via teleconference. Members of the public may also provide oral or written comments as follows:

- Written comments can be sent to D12Proposals@schools.nyc.gov
- Oral comments can be left at 212-374-5159.



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IV. Name, office, address, email and telephone number of the city district representative, knowledgeable about the item under consideration, from whom information may be obtained concerning the item.

Name: Valeria Rojas Infantas
Office: Office of District Planning
Address: 100 Gold Street, Suite 3200, New York, NY 10038
Email: D12Proposals@schools.nyc.gov
Phone: 212-374-5159

Due to the impact of COVID-19, the best way to contact the city district representative listed above is through the email address or phone number.

V. Date, time and place of the Joint Public Hearing for the proposed item.

A Joint Public Hearing was held for this proposal on March 24, 2020 via teleconference. The Joint Public Hearing began at 6:00 P.M.

VI. Date, time and place of the meeting at which the PEP will vote on the proposed item.

Date: May 7, 2020
Time: 6 p.m.
Where: Teleconference

Details for accessing this teleconference meeting are as follows:

If you would like to access this meeting via computer, please visit <https://learndoe.org/pep/may7/>.

If you would like to access this meeting via phone, call:
Dial 888-475-4499 (Toll Free) and enter PIN: 853-6797-4221.

If you would like interpretation services for this meeting, please call in to one of the language lines below:

Spanish – call 888-475-4499 (Toll Free) and enter PIN: 735-255-0102
Mandarin – call 888-475-4499 (Toll Free) and enter PIN: 933-059-6663
Cantonese – call 877-853-5257 (Toll Free) and enter PIN: 565-808-2412

Details on how to sign up for public comment will be provided when you join the meeting. Speaker sign-up will open at 5:30 PM and run until 6:15 PM on May 7, 2020.

If you would like perform a technology equipment check in advance of the meeting, you may visit the following website to confirm you are able to join the teleconference: <https://learndoe.org/pep/tech-check/>.