



The City of New York

Manhattan Community Board 1

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**New York City Department of Education
Public Hearing
on the
Proposed Re-siting of The Peck Slip School (02M343)
from Building M860 to New Building M343 in the
2015-2016 School Year**

**Tweed Courthouse, 52 Chambers Street
November 10, 2014, 6:00 p.m.**

Thank you, Chancellor Carmen Fariña and the New York City Department of Education for holding this public hearing today. My name is Catherine McVay Hughes, and I represent Community District 1 in Lower Manhattan where I am Chair of Manhattan Community Board 1. Our district includes most of Manhattan below Canal Street and south of the Brooklyn Bridge. The Peck Slip School is in our district.

We understand, as per your notification that:

“... this proposed re-siting to M343 is expected to have a positive impact on Peck Slip by providing a new facility that has more space than its current facility and has specific spaces designed to support elementary school instruction. Unlike Peck Slip’s current space in Tweed, the M343 building will have specialized instructional spaces, dedicated library spaces, and a combined gymnasium and auditorium, among other spaces. Moreover, M343 can accommodate Peck Slip as it continues growing beyond serving kindergarten to second grades to become a full-fledged elementary school.

If this proposal is approved, Peck Slip will move to M343 prior to the beginning of the 2015-2016 school year, when it will serve approximately 306-346 students in kindergarten through third grades and two sections of full-day pre-kindergarten. Peck Slip will gradually phase into the M343 building by adding one grade per year. The school is expected to reach its full scale grade span in 2017-2018, when it will serve students in kindergarten through fifth grades, as well as offer pre-kindergarten. Peck Slip additionally plans to serve more students per grades in the coming years: the school is expected to reach its full scale enrollment in 2020-2021, when it will serve approximately 756-816 students in kindergarten through fifth grades.”

On October 28, 2014, Community Board 1 unanimously passed at our full board meeting the following resolution in support of the proposed re-siting of The Peck Slip School.

WHEREAS: The New York City Department of Education (DOE) is proposing to re-site The Peck Slip School to a new building, to be known as building M343, beginning in the 2015-2016 school year; and

WHEREAS: A “re-siting” means students will attend classes in a different building than the one in which they attended classes in the previous year. The School Construction Authority (SCA) is currently constructing M343 and is planning to have the building ready for occupancy in September 2015; now

THEREFORE

BE IT

RESOLVED

THAT: CB 1 supports the proposed re-siting of The Peck Slip School and asks DOE and SCA to insure that the move is not delayed.