

52 Chambers Street
New York, NY 10007

November 3, 2023

Dear P.S. 153 Families:

I am writing to share that the New York City Department of Education (NYCDOE) has issued an Educational Impact Statement (EIS) proposing to expand the grades served by The William Lynch School (06M368), referred to as Bill Lynch, beginning in the 2024-2025 school year. Bill Lynch, which currently serves students in grades K-5 as well as in 3-K and pre-Kindergarten (pre-K) programs, will expand to also serve grades 6-8 if this proposal is approved.

Bill Lynch is currently co-located with P.S. 153 Adam Clayton Powell (06M153), referred to as P.S. 153, in the M153 building at 1750 Amsterdam Avenue, New York, NY 10031 in Community School District 6. M153 also houses the Community Based Organizations Boys and Girls Club of Harlem, Harlem Dowling, and The Harlem Hellfighters.

What is the NYCDOE proposing?

The NYCDOE is proposing a grade expansion. If this proposal is approved by the Panel for Educational Policy (PEP), in addition to the grades and programs Bill Lynch already serves, it will also serve grades 6-8. The NYCDOE believes that this proposal presents an opportunity to create a community driven K-8 option to address the need for a progressive middle school option for families in District 6. This proposal will also enable Bill Lynch to continue building upon its existing strong culture by allowing students to remain in the same school through grade 8.

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

- Bill Lynch will add sixth grade in 2024-2025 and will continue to phase in one grade per year until it serves grades K-8 in the 2026-2027 school year and reaches full enrollment scale in the 2027-2028 school year.
- This proposal is not expected to impact current or future student admissions, enrollment, or programming at P.S. 153.
- Beginning in the 2024-2025 school year, P.S. 153 students will share the M153 building with additional Bill Lynch students who are middle school aged.

Where can I learn more about this proposal?

This letter serves as notice that the 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/2023-2024-pages/december-20-2023-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 proposal are also available in the main offices of P.S. 153 and Bill Lynch.

How can I provide feedback?


In advance of the PEP vote, a Joint Public Hearing for this proposal will be held via teleconference on Wednesday, December 6, 2023 at 6 p.m. All community members will have the opportunity to share feedback about this proposal at the Joint Public Hearing, which will begin at 6 p.m.

Feedback on the proposal can also be directed at any time to Caitlin Whittemore in the NYCDOE's Office of District Planning by phone at 212-374-3466 or via e-mail at D06Proposals@schools.nyc.gov.

This proposal must be voted on and approved by the PEP prior to implementation. We anticipate that the PEP will vote on this proposal on Wednesday, December 20, 2023 at 6 p.m. at M.S. 131, located at 100 Hester Street, New York, New York 10002. Feedback about this proposal may also be shared at the December 20, 2023 PEP meeting.

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

Sincerely,



Manuel Ramirez
District 6 Superintendent