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Dear families at Lower East Side Preparatory High School:

As you know, Lower East Side Preparatory High School (01M515), referred to as Lower East Side Prep, is an existing transfer high school serving students in grades 9-12. Lower East Side Prep is located in building M025, located at 145 Stanton Street, New York, NY 10002 in Community School District 1. In M025, Lower East Side Prep is co-located with School for Global Leaders (01M378), referred to as Global Leaders, and Marta Valle High School (01M509), referred to as Marta Valle. Global Leaders is an existing district school serving students in grades 6-8. Marta Valle is an existing high school serving students in grades 9-12.

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.

This letter is to inform you that the New York City Department of Education (NYCDOE) is proposing to consolidate Technology, Arts, and Sciences Studio (01M301), referred to as TASS, an existing district school serving students in grades 6-8, with Global Leaders, in M025, beginning in the 2018-2019 school year. A consolidation means that two or more existing school organizations are combined into one school to operate and serve students more effectively. TASS is currently located in building M019 located at 185 First Avenue, New York, NY 10002, in District 1.

The NYCDOE is proposing to consolidate TASS with Global Leaders based primarily on the benefits that students in both school communities would derive from the additional resources made available by consolidating the two school organizations into one. The low enrollment at TASS has made it challenging for that school to offer as broad a range of academic and extracurricular programs as is possible in larger schools.

If this proposal is approved, students attending the consolidated Global Leaders will have access to a variety of academic and enrichment opportunities, interventions, and other supports that would not be financially feasible for TASS to offer in the absence of consolidation. Consolidation will also allow the schools to combine the strengths and best practices of each individual school into a single, larger organization.

If this proposal is approved, TASS and Global Leaders will be combined such that students, staff, and resources of TASS will become part of Global Leaders, and TASS will not serve as a distinct school option for the upcoming school year (2018-2019) and beyond. The consolidated Global Leaders will continue to serve students in grades 6-8 in M025. Beginning in the 2018-2019 school year, current TASS students, with the exception of those continuing on to high school, will be served in M025. If this proposal is approved, the consolidated Global Leaders will continue to be co-located with Marta Valle and Lower East Side Prep.

This letter serves as notice that an Educational Impact Statement (EIS) regarding this proposal has been posted on the NYCDOE's website at: <http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2017-2018/November282017SchoolProposals>



We encourage you to visit that website often as we will update it regularly with important dates and new information as it becomes available. Copies of the EIS are also available in the main offices of Global Leaders, TASS, Marta Valle, Lower East Side Prep, and P.S. 19 Asher Levy.

This proposal must be voted on and approved by the Panel for Education Policy (PEP) prior to implementation. We anticipate that the PEP will vote on several proposals, including this one, on November 28, 2017 at 6 p.m. at Long Island City High School. Long Island City High School is located at 14-30 Broadway, Queens, NY 11106.

In advance of that vote, two Joint Public Hearings for this proposal will be held. One hearing will be held in M019 on November 13, 2017 at 6 p.m. and another hearing will be held in M025 on November 20, 2017 at 6 p.m. All community members will have the opportunity to share feedback about this proposal at the Joint Public Hearings.

Questions about the proposal can be directed at any time to Eric Herman in the NYCDOE's Office of District Planning by phone at 212-374-3466 or via e-mail at [D01proposals@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:D01proposals@schools.nyc.gov).

If this consolidation proposal receives final approval from the PEP, what would that mean for you and your child(ren)?

- Lower East Side Prep students will continue to attend school in M025 alongside students from Global Leaders and Marta Valle for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year;
- As of the 2018-2019 school year, Lower East Side Prep students will continue to attend school in building M025 alongside students from the consolidated Global Leaders and Marta Valle; and
- This proposal is not expected to impact the enrollment, admissions, or services offered by Lower East Side Prep in M025.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Paul Rotondo'.

Paul Rotondo  
Superintendent Citywide Transfer and District 12 High Schools

Enclosure: Notice of Proposal and Joint Public Hearing