

## Notice of Joint Public Hearing for Q153

### The Proposed Grade Truncation of P.S. 153 Maspeth (24Q153) from a K-6 School to a K-5 School in Building Q153 in the 2024-2025 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 15, 2023

**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 Q153 and share feedback.

The New York City Department of Education (NYCDOE) is proposing to truncate the sixth grade of P.S. 153 Maspeth (24Q153), referred to as P.S. 153, in the 2024-2025 school year. A grade truncation means that the school will serve fewer grades than it currently offers. If this proposal is approved, P.S. 153 will no longer serve students in sixth grade after the current 2023-2024 school year.

P.S. 153 is an existing zoned elementary school serving students in grades K-6 and in its 3K and pre-Kindergarten (pre-K) program in building Q153. Q153 is located at 60-02 60 Lane, Queens, NY 11378 in Community School District 24, referred to as District 24. Q153 also houses the community-based organization The Greater Ridgewood Youth Council.

The NYCDOE is proposing to truncate the sixth grade of P.S. 153 to align the school's grade span with standard NYCDOE entry and exit points. The majority of NYCDOE middle schools admit students in sixth grade; therefore, this proposal will ensure that all P.S. 153 students begin middle school in sixth grade alongside their peers, resulting in a full and more robust middle school experience. This proposal was initiated at the request of P.S. 153's School Leadership Team.

If this proposal is approved, P.S. 153 will no longer enroll sixth grade students after the current 2023-2024 school year, and beginning in the 2024-2025 school year, P.S. 153 will only serve students in grades K-5 and in its 3K and pre-K programs. At the close of the 2023-2024 school year, all fifth and sixth grade students who meet promotional standards will graduate from P.S. 153 and enroll in middle school through the middle school admissions process as sixth and seventh graders, respectively.

For further information about this proposal, please see the Educational Impact Statement, which is available in the main office of P.S. 153 as well as on the Panel for Educational Policy (PEP) website at: <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/about-us/leadership/panel-for-education-policy/2023-2024-pages/november-29-2023-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 and enter Meeting ID 160-636-7894#.

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

- To participate in Spanish, dial 646-964-1167 and enter Meeting ID 160-976-6510#.
- To participate in Polish, dial 646-828-7666 and enter Meeting ID 161-564-8166#.

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 212-374-7621 or emailing [D24Proposals@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:D24Proposals@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. on the day before the PEP vote. The PEP is expected to vote on this proposal on Wednesday, November 29, 2023, at 6 p.m. at Long Island City High School, 14-30 Broadway, Queens, NY 11106. 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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