



52 Chambers Street
New York, NY 10007

January 23, 2026

Dear Jill Chaifetz Families:

I am writing to share that the New York City Department of Education is proposing to merge Academy of Public Relations (APR, 07X298) with South Bronx Academy for Applied Media (SBAAM, 07X296) in building X184 (X184) in the 2026-2027 school year.

This proposal must be voted on and approved by the Panel for Educational Policy (PEP) prior to implementation. If it is approved, APR will be combined with SBAAM such that the students, staff, and resources of APR will become part of the merged SBAAM as of the 2026-2027 school year. The merged SBAAM will continue to be co-located with Jill Chaifetz, P017X@X184, and P754X@X184 in X184.

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

- In the 2026-2027 school year, APR will be merged with SBAAM in X184. A merger means that two or more existing school organizations are combined into one school to operate and serve students more effectively. APR will be combined with SBAAM such that the students, staff, and resources of APR will become part of the merged SBAAM, which will continue to serve students in grades 6-8 in X184. APR will no longer exist as a distinct school option following the conclusion of the current school year and will no longer serve students in X184.
- All APR sixth and seventh grade students, as well as those in eighth grade who do not articulate to high school following the conclusion of the 2025-2026 school year, will be automatically registered to attend the merged SBAAM in X184 for the 2026-2027 school year, which will have sufficient space to accommodate all students.
- Jill Chaifetz will continue to be co-located with the merged SBAAM, P017X@X184, and P754X@X184, meaning these schools will share common spaces, including the auditorium, gymnasium, and cafeteria.
- There is no expected impact on admissions, enrollment, academic offerings, or extra-curricular programming at Jill Chaifetz for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year and beyond.
- All students will continue to receive all mandated special education and English Language Learner services if applicable.

Where can I learn more about this proposal?

For further information about this proposal, please see the Educational Impact Statement, which is available in the main offices of APR, SBAAM, Jill Chaifetz, P754X@X184, and P017X@X184, as well as on the PEP website at: <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/about-us/leadership/panel-for-education-policy/2025-2026-pages/april-15-2026-school-utilization-proposals>. We encourage you to visit this website for any updates.

How can I provide feedback?

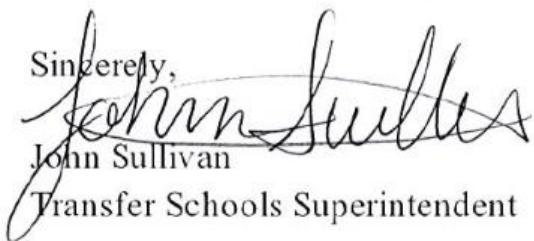
In advance of the PEP vote, a Joint Public Hearing will be held via teleconference on Tuesday, March 3, 2026, at 6 p.m. All community members will have the opportunity to share feedback about this proposal at the Joint Public Hearing.



You may also share feedback about this proposal by e-mailing D07Proposals@schools.nyc.gov or calling 212-374-5159.

We anticipate that the PEP will vote on this proposal on Wednesday, April 15, 2026, at 6 p.m. at Bronx Career and College Prep High School, located at 800 Home Street, Bronx, NY 10456.

The official notice of the Joint Public Hearing is attached.

Sincerely,
The signature is handwritten in black ink. It consists of the name 'John Sullivan' written in a cursive, flowing script. The signature is positioned above the title 'Transfer Schools Superintendent'.
John Sullivan
Transfer Schools Superintendent

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Lajmërim për Familjet për Akses Shërbimesh Gjuhësore

[Albanian]

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[Arabic] إشعار بخدمات المساعدة اللغوية للعائلات

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[Bangla]

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[Chinese-Simplified]

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[French]

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Avi pou sèvis aksè nan lang pou fanmi

[Haitian Creole]

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가정 대상 언어 지원 공지

[Korean]

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[Russian]

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[Spanish]

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[Ukrainian]

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[Uzbek]

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