Public Notice
November 13, 2026

The Proposed Closure of Life Academy High School for Business and Technology (21K559) in Building K400 Following the Conclusion of the 2026-2027 School Year

I. Description of the subject, purpose, and substance of the proposed item under consideration.

The New York City Department of Education (NYCDOE) is proposing to close Life Academy High School for Business and Technology (21K559), referred to as Life Academy, following the conclusion of the 2026-2027 school year. Life Academy is a district high school serving grades 9-12 in building K400 (K400), also referred to as the Lafayette Campus, located at 2630 Benson Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11214, in Community School District 21 (District 21).

Life Academy is co-located in K400 with International High School at Lafayette (21K337), an existing high school serving students in grades 9-12; High School of Sports Management (21K348), referred to as Sports Management, an existing high school serving students in grades 9-12; Kingsborough Early College School (21K468), referred to as KECSS, an existing secondary school serving students in grades 6-12; and Leaders High School (21K572), referred to as Leaders, 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.

The NYCDOE is proposing to close Life Academy at the end of the 2026-2027 school year due to persistent challenges with enrollment and demand despite repeated and sustained interventions by the NYCDOE. Life Academy is the smallest Brooklyn South district high school, serving only 136 students in grades 9-12 in the 2026-2027 school year and only 26 students in grade 9. Between the 2021-2022 and 2026-2027 school years, Life Academy's enrollment declined by approximately 48%, while total enrollment in Brooklyn high schools declined by only 7%. Based on Fall 2026 admissions data, Life Academy had 88 available seats in grade 9 but made only 32 offers. Life Academy's low enrollment has inhibited the programmatic offerings that the school can provide to students and has reduced the school's ability to provide a robust educational experience.

Because most funding in a school's budget is allocated on a per-pupil basis based on Fair Student Funding, low enrollment at Life Academy has resulted in a lower budget, which has led to a loss of academic and extracurricular programming. While the school has prioritized maintaining core academic offerings and college-level coursework for Life Academy students within these budget constraints, these decisions have limited some of the programs and experiences that contribute to a well-rounded high school experience.

If this proposal is approved by the Panel for Educational Policy (PEP), Life Academy will close at the end of the 2026-2027 school year and will no longer serve students. All current Life Academy students in grades 9-11, as well as any current students in grade 12 who do not meet promotional criteria, will be able to enroll in more robustly enrolled high schools. Additionally other high schools located at the Lafayette campus have sufficient seats to accommodate current Life Academy students who may wish to stay in K400 for the remainder of high school. Students who applied to Life Academy for the 2027-2028 school year will have that choice removed from their high school applications. If a student did not list any other

preferences for high school, they will receive an offer to a school close to their home address with available seats. If students receive an offer to a high school they do not wish to attend, they may add themselves to waitlists for other schools for which they are eligible.

II. Date, time, and place of the Joint Public Hearing for the proposed item.

Date: Thursday, December 17, 2026
Time: 6 p.m.
Where: Teleconference, https://learndoe.org/districtplanning/.
This Joint Public Hearing will also offer live interpretations in Spanish, Mandarin, and Russian. If you are unable to access the Joint Public Hearing through the above link, you may call in directly:

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III. Information regarding where the full text of the proposed item may be obtained.

The Educational Impact Statement is available in the main offices of Life Academy, International High School at Lafayette, Sports Management, KECSS, and Leaders and on the PEP website at: https://www.schools.nyc.gov/get-involved/families/panel-for-education-policy/2026-2027-pages/january-20-2027-school-utilization-proposals.

IV. Submission of Oral or Written Comments

Members of the public may provide comments at the Joint Public Hearing listed above. They may also provide oral or written comments as follows:

- Written comments can be sent to D21Proposals@schools.nyc.gov.
- Oral comments can be left at 212-374-0208.

V. Name, office, address, email, and telephone number of the city district representative, knowledgeable about the item under consideration, from whom information may be obtained concerning the item.

Name: Lucia O'Brien
Office: Office of District Planning
Address: 100 Gold Street, Suite 3200, New York, NY 10038
Email: D21Proposals@schools.nyc.gov
Phone: 212-374-0208

VI. Date, time, and place of the Panel for Educational Policy meeting at which the Panel will vote on the proposed item.

Date: Wednesday, January 20, 2027
Time: 6 p.m.
Where: Clara Barton High School, 901 Classon Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11225

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