Declaration Reference and Key Data
Obligation Section Number: 5.07(c)(viii)
Obligation Title: New Public Middle and High School for Math, Science and Engineering
Obligation Page Number: 54
Obligation Trigger: PACB Approval
Obligation Start Date: May 20, 2009 (PACB Approval date)
Obligation End Date: May 20, 2034 (25 Years from Commencement)
Obligation Status: Complete: Completed

Obligation: Innovation/Changed Conditions

In accordance with the Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions Section 5.08, Obligation 5.07 (c)(viii) is modified to clarify the obligation. In general, the scope of services to be provided has not been changed. Columbia has completed this obligation and transferred the obligation to provide curriculum support to the faculty of the new school to Obligation 5.07 (c)(ix) Availability of Faculty. Empire State Development and Columbia University agreed to this transfer on November 28, 2018.

New Public Middle and High School for Math, Science and Engineering. CU has collaborated with NYCDOE and has already agreed to provide the land necessary (via a rent-free, 49-year lease) to create a new public secondary school that will address the critical need to improve education in science, math and engineering for students in New York City on a site immediately adjacent to or within the Project Site. That school is currently educating students at the middle school level at a temporary location and will ultimately serve approximately 650 students from grades 6 through 12. Enrollment will be competitive, with the middle school enrollment coming from high performing local students from northern Manhattan above 96th Street. The middle school will provide roughly half of the enrollment of the high school with the balance of the high school enrollment filled through a competitive process for students from across the five boroughs.

*Columbia has fulfilled the obligation to offer land to the New York City Department of Education. NYCDOE declined this offer of land and decided to undertake upgrades to Columbia Secondary School’s existing location at 425 West 123rd Street for the school’s long-term occupancy.

Evidence of Compliance

1. Press release about the creation of the school (October 21, 2005)
2. Letter from NYCDOE declining Columbia’s offer of land for the New Public Middle and High School for MSE
3. Link to Columbia Secondary School website

In accordance with the commitment above, the requirements for this commitment have been permanently satisfied.
EOC Checklist for Obligation 5.07(c)(viii):

In accordance with the commitment above, the requirements for this commitment have been permanently satisfied. There are no EOC items submitted for review.