NOTICE OF PUBLIC SCOPING & INTENT TO PREPARE
A DRAFT TARGETED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

NAME OF ACTION:     New High School 472, Queens

LOCATION:           51-30 Northern Boulevard, Queens, New York
                   Tax Block 1192, Tax Lots 41, 47, 48, and 54

This notice is issued pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617, adopted pursuant to section 3.0301 (1) (b), (2) (m) and 8-0113 of the Environmental Conservation Law (“ECL”), (State Environmental Quality Review Act). Pursuant to §1730.2 of the Public Authorities Law, the New York City School Construction Authority (SCA) is deemed the lead agency for the purposes of implementation of the environmental review procedures prescribed by article 8 of the ECL and the rules and regulations promulgated by the Department of Environmental Conservation (“DEC”) pursuant thereto (“SEQR”). The SCA, as Lead Agency, intends to prepare a Draft Targeted Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed action described below.

On behalf of the New York City Department of Education (DOE), the SCA proposes to construct a new, approximately 3,079-seat high school (HS) facility, currently known as HS 472Q, at 51-30 Northern Boulevard in the Woodside section of Queens. The proposed new school facility will serve students in grade levels nine through twelve within the Borough of Queens, which is expected to include three different high school organizations and a District 75 program. It is anticipated that the new school facility will open for student occupancy in September 2023.

The SCA has determined the proposed project to be an Unlisted Action per SEQRA; which requires a determination of significance. The SCA has prepared a Full Environmental Assessment Form (FEAF) for the proposed action and determined that the proposed project may result in traffic, transit, and pedestrian impacts.

The SCA is issuing this Notice, having determined that, because the proposed project may result in one or more significant adverse impacts to the environment, a targeted environmental impact statement will be prepared to assess the impact(s) and propose possible mitigation.

Copies of the draft scope analysis for the DEIS may be obtained from the SCA’s web site at http://www.nycsca.org/Community/New-School-Sites; a hard copy may be viewed at 30-30 Thomson Avenue, Long Island City, New York, 11101; or a copy may be requested in writing at the aforementioned address. Written comments on the draft scope of analysis may be submitted by mail or electronically at sites@nycsca.org. The SCA will accept written comments until the close of business on May 9, 2019.