Resolution Regarding Approval of the Proposed Co-location of Explore Excel Charter School's 5th-8th grades (84K379) with Existing School I.S. 68 Isaac Bildersee (18K068) in Building K068 Beginning in 2013-2014

WHEREAS, in accordance with Education Law § 2590-h(2-a), the Chancellor prepared an Educational Impact Statement ("EIS"), published and filed on October 25, 2012, on the proposed co-location of Explore Excel Charter School's 5th-8th grades (84K379, "Explore Excel") with Existing School I.S. 68 Isaac Bildersee (18K068, "I.S. 68") in Building K068 beginning in 2013-2014; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Education Law § 2590-g(8), the Panel for Educational Policy undertook a public review process for review and comment on the proposed co-location of Explore Excel with existing school I.S. 68; and

WHEREAS, such review process included notice of the proposal via the New York City Department of Education's (the "Department") internet website and circulation of the notice of the proposal to all community superintendents, community district education councils, community boards, and school based management teams; and

WHEREAS, such notice further included: a) a description of the purpose and substance of the proposed co-location of Explore Excel with existing school I.S. 68; b) information regarding where the full text of the proposal could be obtained; c) the name, office, address, email and telephone number of the Department representative from whom information concerning the proposal could be obtained; d) the date, time, and place of any hearing on the proposal; e) the date, time and place of the meeting of the Panel at which the Panel will vote on the proposal; and f) information on how to submit written or oral comments regarding the proposal; and

WHEREAS on November 5, 2012, the Department issued an amended notice providing an amended date at which the Proposal would be voted on by the Panel; and

WHEREAS, such amended notice and public review process commenced on October 25, 2012, at least forty-five days in advance of the December 20, 2012 meeting of the Panel at which the proposed co-location of Explore Excel with existing school I.S. 68 came before the Panel for a vote; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Education Law § 2590-h(2-a)(d), the Chancellor has held a joint public hearing on the proposal with the impacted school leadership team and the District 18 Community Education Council to participate, at which all interested parties had an opportunity to present comments or concerns on the proposal; and

WHEREAS, following the public review and comment period, the Panel made available to the public, including via the Department's internet web site, an assessment of all public comments concerning the proposed co-location; and

WHEREAS, the assessment of public comments included a summary and analysis of the issues raised and any significant suggested alternatives; a statement of the reasons why any significant alternatives were not incorporated into the proposed co-location; a description of any changes to

the proposed co-location as a result of the public comments; and information regarding where the full text of any approved co-location of Explore Excel with existing school I.S. 68 may be obtained; and

WHEREAS, the Chancellor recommends that the Panel for Educational Policy approve the proposed co-location of Explore Excel with existing school I.S. 68; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Panel for Educational Policy to approve the proposed co-location of Explore Excel with existing school I.S. 68; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that in accordance with Education Law § 2590-g, the Panel for Educational Policy hereby approves the proposed co-location of Explore Excel Charter School's 5th-8th grades (84K379) with I.S. 68 Isaac Bildersee (18K068) in Building K068 beginning in 2013-2014.