

**Resolution Regarding Approval of the Temporary Extension of the Re-siting of
P.S. 51 (02M051) in Building M816**

WHEREAS, on September 8, 2011, in accordance with Education Law §§ 2590-g(9) and 2590-h(2)(f), the Chancellor issued an emergency declaration re-siting P.S. 51 Elias Howe (02M051) (“P.S. 51”) from building M051 to building M816 in order to preserve the health, safety, and general welfare of students; and

WHEREAS that emergency declaration was to remain in effect for six months, or until the re-siting was approved by the Panel for Educational Policy (the “Panel”); and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Education Law § 2590-h(2-a), the Chancellor prepared an educational impact statement, published and filed on October 3, 2011, on the proposed temporary extension of the re-siting of P.S. 51 in building M816 (the “Proposal”); and

WHEREAS, on November 10, 2011, the DOE published an amended EIS that corrected the address of P.S. 51’s former site, clarified the status of nearby construction projects, and corrected typographical errors, but did not substantially revise the Proposal; 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 Proposal; 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 Proposal; 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, such notice and public review process commenced on October 3, 2011, at least forty-five days in advance of the November 17, 2011 meeting of the Panel at which the Proposal came before the Panel for a vote; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Education Law § 2590-h(2-a)(d-1), the Chancellor has held a joint public hearing on the Proposal with the District 2 Community Education Council and the impacted school leadership team 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 Proposal; 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 Proposal; a description of any changes to the Proposal as a result of the public comments; and information regarding where the full text of any approved Proposal may be obtained; and

WHEREAS, the Chancellor recommends that the Panel for Educational Policy approve the Proposal; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Panel for Educational Policy to approve the Proposal; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that in accordance with Education Law § 2590-g, the Panel for Educational Policy hereby approves the temporary extension of the re-siting of P.S. 51 (02M051) in building M816.

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