Resolution Regarding Approval of Proposed Amendments to Chancellor's Regulation A-831, Student to Student Sexual Harassment

WHEREAS, pursuant to Education Law § 2590-g, the Panel for Educational Policy has the power and duty to approve all regulations proposed by the Chancellor and any amendments made thereto; 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 amendments to Chancellor's Regulation A-831, Student to Student Sexual Harassment; and

WHEREAS, such review process included notice of the proposed amendments to the Chancellor's Regulation via the Department of Education's internet website and circulation of the notice of the proposed amendments to the regulation 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 amendments to the Chancellor's Regulation; b) information regarding where the full text of the proposed amendments to the regulation could be obtained; c) the name, office, address, email and telephone number of the Department of Education representative from whom information concerning the proposed amendments to the regulation could be obtained; d) the date, time and place of the meeting of the Panel at which the Panel will vote on the proposed amendments to the regulation; and e) information on how to submit written or oral comments regarding the proposed amendments to the regulation; and

WHEREAS, such notice and public review process commenced on July 29, 2011, more than forty-five days in advance of the October 12, 2011 meeting of the Panel at which the proposed amendments to the regulation came before the Panel for a vote; and

WHEREAS, following the public review and comment period, the Panel made available to the public, including via the Department of Education's internet website, an assessment of all public comments concerning the proposed amended regulation; and

WHEREAS, the assessment of public comments included a summary and analysis of any issues raised and any significant suggested alternatives; a statement of the reasons why any significant alternatives were not incorporated into the proposed amended regulation; and information regarding where the full text of any amended regulation may be obtained; and

WHEREAS, the Chancellor recommends that the Panel for Educational Policy approve the proposed amendments to Chancellor's Regulation A-831; and

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

RESOLVED, that, in accordance with Education Law § 2590-g, the Panel for Educational Policy hereby approves the proposed amendments to Chancellor's Regulation A-831, Student to Student Sexual Harassment.