

**Resolution Regarding Approval of the Revised Proposed Grade Expansion of Urban Assembly Academy of Arts and Letters (13K492) to a K-8 School**

WHEREAS, in accordance with Education Law §2590-h(2-a), the Chancellor prepared an educational impact statement, initially published and filed on October 29, 2010, on the proposal to expand Urban Assembly Academy of Arts and Letters (13K492) (“Urban Assembly”) to a K-8 school (the “Original 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 the Original Proposal; and

WHEREAS, such review process included notice of the Original Proposal via the Department of Education’s internet website and circulation of the notice of 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 Original Proposal; b) information regarding where the full text of the Original Proposal could be obtained; (c) the name, office, address, email and telephone number of the Department of Education representative from whom information concerning the Original Proposal could be obtained; d) the date, time, and place of any hearing on the Original Proposal; e) the date, time and place of the meeting of the Panel at which the Panel was to vote on the Original Proposal; and f) information on how to submit written or oral comments regarding the Original Proposal; and

WHEREAS, such notice and public review process commenced on October 29, 2010, at least forty-five days in advance of the December 14, 2010 meeting of the Panel at which the Original Proposal was scheduled to come before the Panel for a vote; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Education Law 2590-h(2-a), the Chancellor revised the Original Proposal so that Urban Assembly will stop participating in middle school application processes for Community School Districts 14, 15 and 16 for the 2013-14 school year, rather than the 2016-2017 school year (“Revised Proposal”); and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Education Law 2590-h(2-a), the Chancellor held a joint public hearing on the Revised Proposal with the District 13 Community Education Council and the school leadership teams at which all interested parties had an opportunity to present comments or concerns on the Revised 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 the Revised Proposal; and

WHEREAS, such review process included notice of the Revised Proposal via the Department’s internet website and circulation of the notice of the Revised 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 Revised Proposal; (b) identification of all substantial revisions to the Original Proposal; (c) a summary of all public comments received on the Original Proposal following the initial public notice; (d) information regarding where the full text of the Revised Proposal could be obtained; (e) the name, office, address, email, and telephone number of the Department of Education representative from whom information concerning the Revised Proposal could be obtained; (f) date, time, and place of any hearing on the Revised Proposal; (g) the date, time and place of the meeting of the Panel at which the Panel will vote on the Revised Proposal; and (h) information on how to submit written or oral comments regarding the Revised 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 Original and Revised Proposals; 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 Revised Proposal; a description of any changes to the Original and Revised Proposals as a result of the public comments; and information regarding where the full text of any approved grade expansion of Urban Assembly may be obtained; and

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

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

RESOLVED, that in accordance with Education Law § 2590-g, the Panel for Educational Policy hereby approves the revised proposed grade expansion of Urban Assembly Academy of Arts and Letters (13K492) to a K-8 school.