

**Resolution Regarding Chancellor's Regulation
A-413-- Use of Cell Phones and Other Electronic Devices in Schools**

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 (the "Panel") undertook a public review process for review of and comment on proposed Chancellor's Regulation A-413—Use of Cell Phones and Other Electronic Devices in Schools; and

WHEREAS, such review process included notice of the proposed Regulation via the Department of Education's internet website and circulation of the notice of the proposed 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 Regulation; b) information regarding where the full text of the proposed 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 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 Regulation; and e) information on how to submit written or oral comments regarding the proposed Regulation; and

WHEREAS, such notice and public review process commenced on January 8, 2015, more than forty-five days in advance of the February 25, 2015 meeting of the Panel at which the proposed Regulation came before the Panel for a vote; and

WHEREAS, on February 4, 2015, an amended notice was posted, which changed the location of the Panel meeting scheduled for February 25, 2015; and

WHEREAS, on February 12, 2015, an amended Regulation and second amended notice were posted, which clarified the implementation timeframe in the Regulation; and

WHEREAS, following the public review and comment period, the Panel made available to the public, including via the Department of Education's internet web site, an assessment of all public comments concerning the proposed 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 regulation; and information regarding where the full text of any approved Regulation may be obtained; and

WHEREAS, the Chancellor recommends that the Panel for Educational Policy approve proposed Chancellor's Regulation A-413; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Panel for Educational Policy to approve proposed Chancellor's Regulation A-413; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that in accordance with Education Law § 2590-g, the Panel for Educational Policy hereby approves proposed Chancellor's Regulation A-413— Use of Cell Phones and Other Electronic Devices in Schools.