

Resolution Regarding Role of Panel for Educational Policy in Waiver Process

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Whereas Mayor Bloomberg has proposed a candidate for chancellor who will need a waiver from the state education commissioner to hold the position due to her lack of teaching experience and education credentials and

Whereas state education law (§ 3003) clearly specifies any waiver be requested by a board of education:

“The commissioner, **at the request of a board of education or board of cooperative educational services**, may provide for the issuance of a certificate as superintendent of schools to exceptionally qualified persons who do not meet all of the graduate course or teaching requirements of subdivision one of this section, but whose exceptional training and experience are the substantial equivalent of such requirements and qualify such persons for the duties of a superintendent of schools.” (emphasis added)

Resolved,

The New York City Board of Education also known as the “Panel for Educational Policy” clarifies its authority under state education law as the sole entity authorized to request a waiver and calls on Commissioner Steiner to defer consideration of waiver until such a request can be considered and presented by the Board.