

Resolution Regarding Approval of the Revised Proposed Expansion of the Co-location of Girls Preparatory Charter School (84M330) with Existing Schools P.S. 188 The Island School (01M188) and P94M@M188 (75M094) in Building M188

WHEREAS, in accordance with Education Law § 2590-h(2-a), the Chancellor prepared an educational impact statement, published and filed on February 23, 2011, on the proposed expansion of the co-location of Girls Preparatory Charter School (84M330) (“Girls Prep”) with existing school P.S. 188 The Island School (01M188) (“P.S. 188”) and P94M@M188 (75M094) (“P94M”) in building M188; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Education Law § 2590-g(8), the Panel for Educational Policy (the “Panel”) undertook a public review process for review and comment on the proposed expansion of the co-location of Girls Prep with P.S. 188 and P94M in M188; 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 proposed expansion of the co-location; 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 February 23, 2011, at least forty-five days in advance of the April 28, 2011 meeting of the Panel at which the proposed expansion of the co-location of Girls Prep with P.S. 188 and P94M in M188 came before the Panel for a vote; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2011, the Department published an amended educational impact statement which corrected formatting and typographical errors, included a description of District 75, clarified the explanation of utilization rates, provided a more thorough explanation of the grades served at P94M@M188, and clarified the impact of the proposal on space allocation at M188, but which did not substantially revise the proposal itself; and

WHEREAS, during the public review and comment period, the Chancellor, after receiving public input, substantially revised the proposal to expand the co-location of Girls Prep with P.S. 188 and P94M in M188 and, on April 12, 2011, published a revised educational impact statement and a revised Building Utilization Plan describing the revised proposal (which corrected the reported capacity of the cafeteria, clarified the rationale for the amount of time that each school is allocated in the proposed shared space schedule, modified the proposed shared space schedule, altered the formatting of the room allocation charts, and included additional information regarding the construction in the building); 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 to expand the co-location of Girls Prep with P.S. 188 and P94M in M188; and

WHEREAS, such review process included notice of the revised proposal via the Department of Education's 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 subject, purpose, and substance of the proposal to expand the co-location of Girls Prep with P.S. 188 and P94M in M188; (b) identification of all substantial revisions to the proposal; (c) a summary of all public comments received on the item 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 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, such notice and public review process commenced on April 12, 2011, at least fifteen days in advance of the April 28, 2011 meeting of the Panel at which the revised proposal to expand the co-location of Girls Prep with P.S. 188 and P94M in M188 came before the Panel for a vote; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Education Law § 2590-h(2-a)(d-1), the Chancellor held a joint public hearing on the revised proposal at which all interested parties had an opportunity to present comments or concerns on the proposal; and

WHEREAS, 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 revised proposed expansion of the co-location of Girls Prep with P.S. 188 and P94M in M188 received prior to twenty-four hours before the Panel meeting at which the proposal was subject to a vote; 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 proposal as a result of the public comments; and information regarding where the full text of any approved revised proposal to expand the co-location of Girls Prep with P.S. 188 and P94M in M188 may be obtained; and

WHEREAS, the Chancellor recommends that the Panel for Educational Policy approve the revised proposed expansion of the co-location of Girls Prep with P.S. 188 and P94M in M188; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Panel for Educational Policy to approve the revised proposed expansion of the co-location of Girls Prep with P.S. 188 and P94M in M188; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that in accordance with Education Law § 2590-g, the Panel for Educational Policy hereby approves the revised proposed expansion of the co-location of Girls Preparatory Charter School (84M330) with existing schools P.S. 188 The Island School (01M188) and P94M@M188 (75M094) in building M188.