



**Department of  
Education**

*Dennis M. Walcott, Chancellor*

DECLARATION PURSUANT TO EDUCATION LAW SECTION 2590-g(9)  
CONCERNING CHANCELLOR'S REGULATION A-670  
SCHOOL TRIPS

I, Dennis M. Walcott, Chancellor of the New York City Department of Education ("Department"), pursuant to Section 2590-g(9) of the New York State Education Law, do hereby determine that the immediate promulgation of revisions to Chancellor's Regulation A-670 regarding School Trips, prior to the Panel for Educational Policy's ("Panel") meeting on August 17, 2011, is necessary to preserve the health, safety and general welfare of the students and school system as a whole.

As the school year draws to a close, many of our students will be participating in school trips to mark the culmination of the academic year. Based on prior experience, it is anticipated that some of these trips may involve swimming and water based activities and some may include international travel. In order to ensure the safety and welfare of our students and staff, it is necessary to issue immediate guidelines and clarification of existing policies and procedures regarding the planning and execution of these trips.

Recognizing that emergency circumstances will sometimes require the Department to act before the Panel has an opportunity to vote on a matter, Section 2590-g(9) of the Education Law authorizes me to take action on an emergency basis, upon my determination that "immediate adoption of any item requiring [the Panel's] approval is necessary for the preservation of student health, safety or general welfare" and that compliance with provisions relating to public comment and the Panel's approval would be contrary to the public interest.

In accordance with Section 2590-g(9) of the Education Law, I have determined that it is necessary to promulgate the revisions to Chancellor's Regulation A-670 to remain in effect until the Panel has the opportunity to vote on the regulation at its meeting on August 17, 2011 in order to preserve the health, safety and general welfare of the students and school system as a whole.

Dated: New York, New York  
June 8, 2011

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Dennis M. Walcott