

Resolution Regarding Approval of the Proposed Co-location of a New School, International High School at Union Square, with Washington Irving High School, The High School for Language and Diplomacy, and Gramercy Arts High School in School Building M460

WHEREAS, in accordance with Education Law 2590-h(2-a), the Chancellor has prepared an educational impact statement on the proposal to site a new school, International High School at Union Square, in school building M460 where it will co-locate with Washington Irving High School, The High School for Language and Diplomacy, and Gramercy Arts High School; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Education Law 2590-h(2-a), the Chancellor has held a joint public hearing on the proposal with the District 2 Community Education Council, the Citywide Council on High Schools, and the school leadership teams for each impacted school at which all interested parties had an opportunity to present comments or concerns on the 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 proposed siting of International High School at Union Square in school building M460 with Washington Irving High School, The High School for Language and Diplomacy, and Gramercy Arts High School; and

WHEREAS, such review process included notice of the 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 purpose and substance of the proposal to site International High School at Union Square in school building M460 with Washington Irving High School, The High School for Language and Diplomacy, and Gramercy Arts High School; 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 of Education representative from whom information concerning the proposed co-location 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 2, 2010, at least forty-five days in advance of the March 23, 2010 meeting of the Panel at which the proposed co-location came before the Panel for a vote; 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 siting of International High School at Union Square in school building M460 with Washington Irving High School, The High School for Language and Diplomacy, and Gramercy Arts High School; 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 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 siting of International High School at Union Square in school building M460 with Washington Irving High School, The High School for Language and Diplomacy, and Gramercy Arts High School may be obtained; and

WHEREAS, the Chancellor recommends that the Panel for Educational Policy approve the proposal to site International High School at Union Square in school building M460 with Washington Irving High School, The High School for Language and Diplomacy, and Gramercy Arts High School; and

WHEREAS, the siting of International High School at Union Square in school building M460 with Washington Irving High School, The High School for Language and Diplomacy, and Gramercy Arts High School is necessary in order to offer additional high quality high school options to students throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Panel for Educational Policy to site International High School at Union Square in school building M460 with Washington Irving High School, The High School for Language and Diplomacy, and Gramercy Arts High School; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that in accordance with Education Law § 2590-g, the Panel for Educational Policy hereby approves the proposal to site International High School at Union Square in school building M460 with Washington Irving High School, The High School for Language and Diplomacy, and Gramercy Arts High School.