

Resolution Regarding Approval of the Proposed Phase-Down of Alfred E. Smith Career and Technical Education High School to its Automotive Technology Program

WHEREAS, in accordance with Education Law § 2590-h(2-a), the Chancellor prepared an educational impact statement on the proposal to phase-out and eventually close Alfred E Smith Career and Technical Education High School; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Education Law § 2590-h(2-a), the Chancellor held a joint public hearing on the proposal 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 phase-out and eventual closure of Alfred E. Smith Career and Technical Education 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 subject, purpose, and substance of the proposal to phase-out and eventually close Alfred E. Smith Career and Technical Education 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 proposal could be obtained; d) the date, time and place of the meeting of the Panel at which the Panel will vote on the proposal; and e) information on how to submit written or oral comments regarding the proposal; and

WHEREAS, such notice and public review process commenced on December 8, 2009, at least forty-five days in advance of the January 26, 2010 meeting of the Panel at which the proposed phase-out and eventual closure of Alfred E. Smith Career and Technical Education High School was scheduled to be voted on by the Panel; and

WHEREAS, the Chancellor, after receiving public input, substantially revised the proposal to phase-out and eventually close Alfred E. Smith Career and Technical Education High School and, in accordance with Education Law § 2590-h(2-a)(d-1), prepared a revised educational impact statement on the revised proposal to phase-down the school so that its automotive technology program remains; 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, 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 phase-down Alfred E. Smith Career and Technical Education High School; 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 phase-down Alfred E. Smith Career and Technical Education High School to its automotive technology program; (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 January 27, 2010, at least fifteen days in advance of the February 24, 2010 meeting of the Panel at which the revised proposal to phase-down Alfred E. Smith Career and Technical Education High School was scheduled to be voted on by the Panel; and

WHEREAS, during the public review and comment period, the Chancellor, after receiving public input on the related proposal for the co-location of two schools in the space made available in school building X600 by the phase-down of Alfred E. Smith Career and Technical Education High School, substantially revised the proposal to phase down Alfred E. Smith Career and Technical Education High School to only its automotive technology program and, in accordance with Education Law § 2590-h(2-a)(d-1), prepared a revised educational impact statement on the revised proposal; 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, 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 phase-down Alfred E. Smith Career and Technical Education High School; 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 phase-down Alfred E. Smith Career and Technical Education High School to its automotive technology program; (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 March 3, 2010, at least fifteen days in advance of the March 23, 2010 meeting of the Panel at which the revised proposal to phase-down Alfred E. Smith Career and Technical Education High School came before the Panel for a vote; 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 phase-down of Alfred E. Smith Career and Technical Education 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 proposal to phase-down Alfred E. Smith Career and Technical Education High School may be obtained; and

WHEREAS, the Chancellor recommends that the Panel for Educational Policy approve the revised proposal to phase-down Alfred E. Smith Career and Technical Education High School; and

WHEREAS, the phase-down of Alfred E. Smith Career and Technical Education High School to its automotive technology program is necessary due to the school's failure to make significant progress for its students; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Panel for Educational Policy to phase-down Alfred E. Smith Career and Technical Education High School to its automotive technology program; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that in accordance with Education Law § 2590-g, the Panel for Educational Policy hereby approves the proposed phase-down of Alfred E. Smith Career and Technical Education High School to its automotive technology program.