Resolution Regarding the Revised Proposed Phase-Out of Sheepshead Bay High School (22K495) Beginning in 2013-2014

WHEREAS, in accordance with Education Law § 2590-h(2-a), the Chancellor prepared an Educational Impact Statement ("EIS"), published and filed on January 14, 2013, on the proposed phase-out of Sheepshead Bay High School (22K495, "Sheepshead Bay") beginning in 2013-2014 (the "Original 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 Original Proposal; and

WHEREAS, such review process included notice of the Original 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 Original Proposal; b) information regarding where the full text of the Original Proposal could be obtained; c) the name, office, address, email and telephone number of the Department representative from whom information concerning the Original Proposal could be obtained; d) the date, time, and place of any hearing on the Original Proposal; e) the date, time and place of the meeting of the Panel at which the Panel will vote on the Original Proposal; and f) information on how to submit written or oral comments regarding the Original Proposal; and

WHEREAS, such notice and public review process commenced on January 17, 2013, at least forty-five days in advance of the March 11, 2013 meeting of the Panel at which the Original Proposal came before the Panel for a vote; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Education Law § 2590-h(2-a), after receiving public input, the Chancellor revised the Original Proposal and prepared and published a revised EIS on January 17, 2013, such that the revised EIS
provided updated information on District 75 inclusion programs serving high school grades in Brooklyn; a corrected list of schools offering CTE programs in the following career clusters: Business Management and Administration, Health Science, and Hospitality and Tourism; corrected calculations with regard to the impact on available ninth grade seats in Brooklyn; more detail regarding the impact of this proposal on Sheepshead Bay's CTE funding; updated information regarding the impact of this proposal on the availability of Transitional Bilingual Education programming; and deleted a note about CTE approval status in Appendix C (the "Revised 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; and

WHEREAS, such review process included notice of the Revised Proposal via the Department's internet website and circulation of the notice of the Revised 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 Revised Proposal; (b) identification of all substantial and non-substantial revisions to the Original Proposal; (c) a summary of all public comments received on the Original Proposal 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 Revised 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 17, 2013, at least fifteen days in advance of the March 11, 2013 meeting of the Panel at which the Revised Proposal came before the Panel for a vote; and

WHEREAS, on February 5, 2013, the Department amended the revised EIS to update the eligibility status of Sheepshead Bay, new district high school 22K611, new district transfer school 22K630, New Visions Charter High School for Applied Math and Science III (84KTBD) and New Visions Charter High School for the Humanities (84KTBD) for School Improvement Grant funding, but did not substantially revise the Revised Proposal; and

WHEREAS, on February 22, 2013, the Department issues a further amended revised EIS to provide updated information on the Public School Choice Process and the age range of students served by the proposed new transfer school, 22K630, but did not substantially revise the Proposal; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Education Law § 2590-h(2-a)(d), the Chancellor held a joint public hearing on the Revised Proposal with the District 22 Community Education Council and which the impacted school leadership teams were invited to and at which all interested parties had an opportunity to present comments or concerns on the Proposal; and

WHEREAS, following the public review and comment period, the Panel made available to the public, including via the Department's internet web site, an assessment of all public comments concerning the Revised Proposal; 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 Proposal; may be obtained; and

WHEREAS, the Chancellor recommends that the Panel for Educational Policy approve the revised proposed phase-out of Sheepshead Bay beginning in 2013-2014; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Panel for Educational Policy to approve the revised proposed phase-out of Sheepshead Bay beginning in 2013-2014; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that in accordance with Education Law § 2590-g, the Panel for Educational Policy hereby approves the revised proposed phase-out of Sheepshead Bay High School (22K495) beginning in 2013-2014.