

**Resolution Regarding Approval of the Proposed Grade Truncation
of Choir Academy of Harlem and Co-location of a New School, 05M436,
with Existing Schools in School Building M501**

WHEREAS, in accordance with Education Law 2590-h(2-a), the Chancellor has prepared an educational impact statement on the proposal to phase-out the high school grades of Choir Academy of Harlem, currently housed in school building M501, and to site a new school, 05M436, with the existing schools housed in school building M501, including Choir Academy of Harlem, Harlem Children's Zone/Promise Academy, and an alternate learning center – 88M993; 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 5 Community Education Council, the Citywide Council on High Schools, and the impacted school leadership teams 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 grade truncation of Choir Academy of Harlem and co-location of a new school, 05M436, with the existing schools housed in school building M501; and

WHEREAS, such review process included notice of the proposal via the Department of Education's internet website and circulation of the notice of 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 phase-out the high school grades of Choir Academy of Harlem and to site a new school, 05M436, with the existing schools housed in school building M501; 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 9, 2009, at least forty-five days in advance of the January 26, 2010 meeting of the Panel at which the proposed grade truncation of Choir Academy of Harlem and co-location of a new school, 05M436, with the existing schools housed in school building M501 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 grade truncation and co-location; 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-out the high school grades of Choir Academy of Harlem and site a new school, 05M436, with the existing schools housed in school building M501 may be obtained; and

WHEREAS, the Chancellor recommends that the Panel for Educational Policy approve the proposal to phase-out the high school grades of Choir Academy of Harlem and site a new school, 05M436, with the existing schools housed in school building M501; and

WHEREAS, the grade truncation of Choir Academy of Harlem and co-location of a new school, 05M436, with the existing schools housed in school building M501 is necessary to due to the school's failure to make significant progress for its high school students and to provide higher quality high school options throughout the city; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Panel for Educational Policy to phase-out the high school grades of Choir Academy of Harlem and site a new school, 05M436, with the existing schools housed in school building M501 now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that in accordance with Education Law § 2590-g, the Panel for Educational Policy hereby approves the proposed grade truncation of Choir Academy of Harlem and co-location of a new school, 05M436, with the existing schools housed in school building M501.