

**Resolution Regarding Approval of the Proposed Grade Truncation of
Frederick Douglass Academy III Secondary School**

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 middle school grades of Frederick Douglass Academy III Secondary 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 9 Community Education Council and the school leadership team 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 of Frederick Douglass Academy III Secondary School's middle school grades; 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 phase-out the middle school grades of Frederick Douglass Academy III Secondary 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 3, 2009, at least forty-five days in advance of the January 26, 2010 meeting of the Panel at which the proposed grade truncation of Frederick Douglass Academy III Secondary School 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

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 middle school grades of Frederick Douglass Academy III Secondary School may be obtained; and

WHEREAS, the Chancellor recommends that the Panel for Educational Policy approve the proposal to phase-out the middle school grades of Frederick Douglass Academy III Secondary School; and

WHEREAS, the grade truncation of Frederick Douglass Academy III Secondary School is necessary due to the school's failure to make significant progress for its middle school students, to allow resources currently allocated to the school's middle grades seats to be repurposed, and for middle school students to be served in existing high quality District 9 middle schools; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Panel for Educational Policy to phase-out the middle school grades of Frederick Douglass Academy III Secondary School 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 Frederick Douglass Academy III Secondary School.