

Resolution Regarding Approval of the Proposed Grade Reconfigurations of P.S. 195X and P.S. 196X and Phase-out of P.S. 197X and Consolidation with P.S. 195X and 196X

WHEREAS, in accordance with Education Law 2590-h(2-a), the Chancellor has prepared an educational impact statement on the proposal to change the grade configurations of P.S. 195X and P.S. 196X from grades 2-5 to grades Pre-K-5 and to phase-out P.S. 197X and consolidate it with P.S. 195X and P.S. 196X; 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 12 Community Education Council and the 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 proposal to change the grade configurations of P.S. 195X and P.S. 196X and to phase-out P.S. 197X and consolidate it with P.S. 195X and P.S. 196X; 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 change the grade configurations of P.S. 195X and P.S. 196X and to phase-out P.S. 197X and consolidate it with P.S. 195X and P.S. 196X; 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 11, 2009, at least forty-five days in advance of the January 26, 2010 meeting of the Panel at which the proposed grade reconfigurations of P.S. 195X and P.S. 196X and phase-out P.S. 197X and consolidation with P.S. 195X and P.S. 196X 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 reconfigurations of P.S. 195X and P.S. 196X and phase-out P.S. 197X and consolidation with P.S. 195X and P.S. 196X; 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 proposed grade reconfiguration as a result of the public comments; and information regarding where the

full text of any approved grade reconfigurations of P.S. 195X and P.S. 196X and phase-out of P.S. 197X and consolidation with P.S. 195X and P.S. 196X may be obtained; and

WHEREAS, the Chancellor recommends that the Panel for Educational Policy approve the proposal to change the grade configurations of P.S. 195X and P.S. 196X and to phase-out P.S. 197X and consolidate it with P.S. 195X and P.S. 196X; and

WHEREAS, the grade reconfigurations of P.S. 195X and P.S. 196X and phase-out of P.S. 197X and consolidation with P.S. 195X and P.S. 196X are necessary to create grade alignment and improve the use of physical and financial resources by consolidating three schools into two; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Panel for Educational Policy to change the grade configurations of P.S. 195X and P.S. 196X and to phase-out P.S. 197X and consolidate it with P.S. 195X and P.S. 196X; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that in accordance with Education Law § 2590-g, the Panel for Educational Policy hereby approves the proposed grade reconfigurations of P.S. 195X and P.S. 196X and phase-out of P.S. 197X and consolidation with P.S. 195X and P.S. 196X.