

Resolution Regarding Approval of the Proposed Phase-out of Jane Addams High School for Academic Careers (08X650) in 2012-2013

WHEREAS, in accordance with Education Law § 2590-h(2-a), the Chancellor prepared an Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”), published and filed on December 22, 2011, on the proposed phase-out of Jane Addams High School for Academic Careers (08X650) (“Jane Addams”) in 2012-2013; 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 Jane Addams; and

WHEREAS, such review process included notice of the 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 proposed phase-out; 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 representative from whom information concerning the proposal could be obtained; d) the date, time, and place of any hearing on the proposal; e) the date, time and place of the meeting of the Panel at which the Panel will vote on the proposal; and f) information on how to submit written or oral comments regarding the proposal; and

WHEREAS, such notice and public review process commenced on December 22, 2011, at least forty-five days in advance of the February 9, 2012 meeting of the Panel at which the proposed phase-out of Jane Addams came before the Panel for a vote; and

WHEREAS, the Department issued an amended EIS on February 3, 2012, which reflects that the Department now proposes to co-locate New Visions Charter High School for Advanced Math and Science II (84XTBD, “AMS II”) in building X650, rather than New Visions Charter High School for the Humanities II (84XTBD, “HUM II”); and the amended EIS also corrects typographical errors and includes: (1) projected enrollment ranges for AMS II, based on its approved charter; (2) enrollment data for Jane Addams related to the 2011-2012 Audited Register; (3) projected estimated building target utilization rates to reflect audited enrollment numbers and clarified footnotes related to the same; (4) edits to the list of partnerships offered by Jane Addams; (5) updated “Impact on the Community” section with additional information about other new high schools opening in the Bronx in September 2012; and (6) updated Appendices with demographic information based on the 2011-2012 Audited Register; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Education Law § 2590-h(2-a)(d), the Chancellor has held a joint public hearing on the proposal with the District 8 Community Education Council and the impacted school leadership team 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 proposed phase-out of Jane Addams; 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 proposed phase-out; a description of any changes to the proposed phase-out as a result of the public comments; and information regarding where the full text of any approved phase-out of Jane Addams may be obtained; and

WHEREAS, the Chancellor recommends that the Panel for Educational Policy approve the proposed phase-out of Jane Addams; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Panel for Educational Policy to approve the proposed phase-out of Jane Addams; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that in accordance with Education Law § 2590-g, the Panel for Educational Policy hereby approves the proposed phase-out of Jane Addams High School for Academic Careers (08X650) in 2012-2013.