

**Resolution Regarding Approval of the Proposed Grade Truncation of Academy of Scholarship and Entrepreneurship (11X270) Beginning 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 12, 2011, on the proposed grade truncation of Academy of Scholarship and Entrepreneurship (11X270) (“ASE”) beginning 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 grade truncation of ASE; 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 grade truncation; 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 12, 2011, at least forty-five days in advance of the February 9, 2012 meeting of the Panel at which the proposed grade truncation of ASE came before the Panel for a vote; and

WHEREAS, the Department issued an amended EIS on January 13, 2012, which corrects various typographical errors, removes a duplicate District 11 Middle School Choice Chart, corrects errors in the table in Section III.A of the original EIS which includes information about District 11, borough-wide, and Citywide middle schools (specifically, all Special Education and English Language Learner percentages have been updated to reflect the accurate percentages at each school, and the updated table now accurately indicates that 02M407 received an overall B grade on its 2010-2011 Progress Report whereas the original table erroneously indicated that school received a C on its 2010-2011 Progress Report); the amended EIS also includes additional information about how enrollment projections are calculated, an accurately updated chart detailing Middle School Charter Options in District 11, corrected information about the number of sixth-grade seats that will remain in District 11 after the implementation of this and several concurrently posted proposals (including by deleting two charts that inaccurately projected seat capacity); 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 11 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 grade truncation of ASE; 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 grade truncation; a description of any changes to the proposed grade truncation as a result of the public comments; and information regarding where the full text of any approved grade truncation of ASE may be obtained; and

WHEREAS, the Chancellor recommends that the Panel for Educational Policy approve the proposed grade truncation of ASE; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Panel for Educational Policy to approve the proposed grade truncation; 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 Academy of Scholarship and Entrepreneurship (11X270) beginning in 2012-2013.