

Resolution Regarding Approval of the Smart Schools Bond Act Investment Plan

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Smart Schools Bond Act and Implementation Guidance and Education Law § 2590-g(8), the Panel for Educational Policy undertook a public review process for review and comment on the proposed Preliminary Smart Schools Investment Plan (the “Plan”); and

WHEREAS, such review process included posting notices of the proposed Plan via the Department of Education’s internet website and circulation of the notices to all community superintendents, community district education councils, community boards, and school-based management teams; and

WHEREAS, such notices included: a) a description of the purpose and substance of the proposed Plan; b) information regarding where the full text of the proposed Plan could be obtained; c) the name, office, address, email and telephone number of the Department of Education representative from whom information concerning the proposed Plan could be obtained; d) the date, time and place of the meeting of the Panel at which the Panel will vote on the proposed Plan; and e) information on how to submit written or oral comments regarding the proposed Plan; and

WHEREAS, such notice and public review process commenced on the proposed Plan on March 4, 2016, more than forty-five days in advance of the April 20, 2016 meeting of the Panel at which the item came before the Panel for a vote; and

WHEREAS, revised public notices were posted on March 21 and 22, which provided additional information about the proposed Plan and the location of one of the public hearings; and

WHEREAS, such review process also included a public hearing before members of the Panel on March 31, 2016; 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 Plan; 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 Plan; and information regarding where the full text of the final proposed Plan may be obtained; and

WHEREAS, an additional public hearing was held before the Panel vote on April 20, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Chancellor recommends that the Panel for Educational Policy approve the proposed Plan; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Panel to approve the proposed Plan; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that, in accordance with the Smart Schools Bond Act and Implementation Guidance and Education Law section 2590-g, the Panel hereby approves the proposed Smart Schools Investment Plan.