

**Resolution Regarding Approval of the Proposed Re-Siting of Creston Academy (10X447) and Co-Location with Elementary School for Math, Science, and Technology (10X382), School for Environmental Citizenship (10X386), and P.S. 079 Creston (10X079)**

WHEREAS, in accordance with Education Law 2590-h(2-a), the Chancellor has prepared an educational impact statement on the proposal to re-site Creston Academy to a newly constructed addition to school building X079 where it will co-locate with Elementary School for Math, Science, and Technology; School for Environmental Citizenship; and P.S. 079 Creston; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Education Law 2590-h(2-a), the Chancellor has held joint public hearings on the proposal with the District 10 Community Education Council and the school leadership team for each impacted school 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 re-siting of Creston Academy from its current location to the newly constructed addition to school building X079; 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 re-site Creston Academy; 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 proposed re-siting could be obtained; d) the date, time and place of the meeting of the Panel at which the Panel will vote on the proposed re-siting; and e) information on how to submit written or oral comments regarding the proposed re-siting; and

WHEREAS, such notice and public review process commenced on November 2, 2009, at least forty-five days in advance of the December 17, 2009 meeting of the Panel at which the proposed re-siting 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 re-siting of Creston Academy; 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 re-siting; a description of any changes to the proposed re-siting as a result of the public comments; and information regarding where the full text of any approved re-siting of Creston Academy may be obtained; and

WHEREAS, the Chancellor recommends that the Panel for Educational Policy approve the proposal to move Creston Academy from its current location to the newly constructed addition to school building X079; and

WHEREAS, the re-siting of Creston Academy is necessary to relieve overcrowding in District 2 and provide a high quality middle school option for students residing in the zone for the X079 addition; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Panel for Educational Policy to move Creston Academy from its current location to the newly constructed addition to school building X079; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that in accordance with Education Law § 2590-g, the Panel for Educational Policy hereby approves the proposed re-siting of Creston Academy.