

**Resolution Regarding Approval of the Proposed Split-Siting  
of P.S. 56 Norwood Heights**

WHEREAS, in accordance with Education Law 2590-h(2-a), the Chancellor has prepared an educational impact statement on the proposal to split-site P.S. 56 Norwood Heights; 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 10 Community Education Council and the school leadership team 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 split-siting of P.S. 56 Norwood Heights; 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 split-site P.S. 56 Norwood Heights; 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 split-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 split-siting; and e) information on how to submit written or oral comments regarding the proposed split-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 split-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 split-siting of P.S. 56 Norwood Heights; 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 split-siting; a description of any changes to the proposed split-siting as a result of the public comments; and information regarding where the full text of any approved split-siting of P.S. 56 Norwood Heights may be obtained; and

WHEREAS, the Chancellor recommends that the Panel for Educational Policy approve the proposal to split-site P.S. 56 Norwood Heights between its two current sites and school building X978, located at 361-63 E. Gun Hill Road, Bronx; and

WHEREAS, the split-siting of P.S. 56 Norwood Heights is necessary to increase the number of zoned students the school can serve and reduce overcrowding in the school; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Panel for Educational Policy to split-site P.S. 56 Norwood between its two current sites and school building X978, located at 361-63 E. Gun Hill Road, Bronx; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that in accordance with Education Law § 2590-g, the Panel for Educational Policy hereby approves the proposed split-siting of P.S. 56 Norwood Heights.