

Resolution Regarding Approval of the Proposed Temporary Expansion of the Co-location of Promise Academy II (84M341), with Existing School Choir Academy of Harlem (05M469), Promise Academy I (84M284), an Alternative Learning Center (88M993) in Building M501

WHEREAS, in accordance with Education Law § 2590-h(2-a), the Chancellor prepared an educational impact statement (“EIS”) and building utilization plan (“BUP”), initially published and filed on February 5, 2011, on the proposed temporary expansion of the co-location of Promise Academy II (84M341) (“Promise Academy II”) with Choir Academy of Harlem (05M469), an Alternative Learning Center (88M993), and Promise Academy I Charter School (84M284) (“Promise Academy I”) in building M501 (“M501”) for the 2011-12 and 2012-13 school years; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Education Law § 2590-g(8), the Panel for Educational Policy (the “Panel”) undertook a public review process for review and comment on the Original Proposal; and

WHEREAS, such review process included notice of the Original 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 Original Proposal; b) information regarding where the full text of the Original Proposal could be obtained; c) the name, office, address, email and telephone number of the Department representative from whom information concerning the Original Proposal could be obtained; d) the date, time, and place of any hearing on the Original Proposal; e) the date, time and place of the meeting of the Panel at which the Panel will vote on the Original Proposal; and f) information on how to submit written or oral comments regarding the Original Proposal; and

WHEREAS, such notice and public review process commenced on February 5, 2011, at least forty-five days in advance of the March 23, 2011 meeting of the Panel at which the Original Proposal came before the Panel for a vote; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Education Law § 2590-h(2-a)(d-1), the Chancellor has held a joint public hearing on the proposal with the District 5 Community Education Council and the impacted school leadership team at which all interested parties had an opportunity to present comments or concerns on the Original Proposal; and

WHEREAS, the Panel approved the Original Proposal on March 23, 2011; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Education Law § 2590-h(2-a), after receiving public input, the Chancellor revised the Original Proposal and prepared and published a revised EIS and revised BUP on May 26, 2011, such that the EIS has been modified as follows: the proposed shared space schedule on pages 16-17 of the BUP has been revised and the DOE has clarified the rationale for the amount of time that each co-located school is allocated in the shared spaces under this proposal; footnotes have been added to indicate that projected enrollment for Choir Academy in 2011-2012 is consistent with budget register projections for 2011-2012; and Choir

Academy will continue to be allocated the designed music rooms that it currently uses (the “Revised 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 Revised Proposal; and

WHEREAS, such review process included notice of the Revised Proposal via the Department’s internet website and circulation of the notice of the Revised 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 Revised Proposal; (b) identification of all substantial and non-substantial revisions to the Original Proposal; (c) a summary of all public comments received on the Original Proposal following the initial public notice; (d) information regarding where the full text of the Revised Proposal could be obtained; (e) the name, office, address, email, and telephone number of the Department of Education representative from whom information concerning the Revised Proposal could be obtained; (f) date, time, and place of any hearing on the Revised Proposal; (g) the date, time and place of the meeting of the Panel at which the Panel will vote on the Revised Proposal; and (h) information on how to submit written or oral comments regarding the Revised Proposal; and

WHEREAS, such notice and public review process commenced on May 26, 2011, at least fifteen days in advance of the June 27, 2011 meeting of the Panel at which the Revised Proposal came before the Panel for a vote; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Education Law § 2590-h(2-a), the Chancellor held a joint public hearing on the Revised Proposal with the District 5 Community Education Council and the school leadership team at which all interested parties had an opportunity to present comments or concerns on the Revised 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 Revised Proposal; 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 Revised Proposal; a description of any changes to the Revised Proposal as a result of the public comments; and information regarding where the full text of any approved Revised Proposal may be obtained; and

WHEREAS, the Chancellor recommends that the Panel for Educational Policy approve the Revised Proposal; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Panel for Educational Policy to approve the Revised Proposal; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that in accordance with Education Law § 2590-g, the Panel for Educational Policy hereby approves the proposed temporary expansion of the co-location of Promise Academy II (84M341) with Choir Academy of Harlem (05M469), an Alternative Learning Center (88M993), and Promise Academy I Charter School (84M284) in building M501 for the 2011-12 and 2012-13 school years.